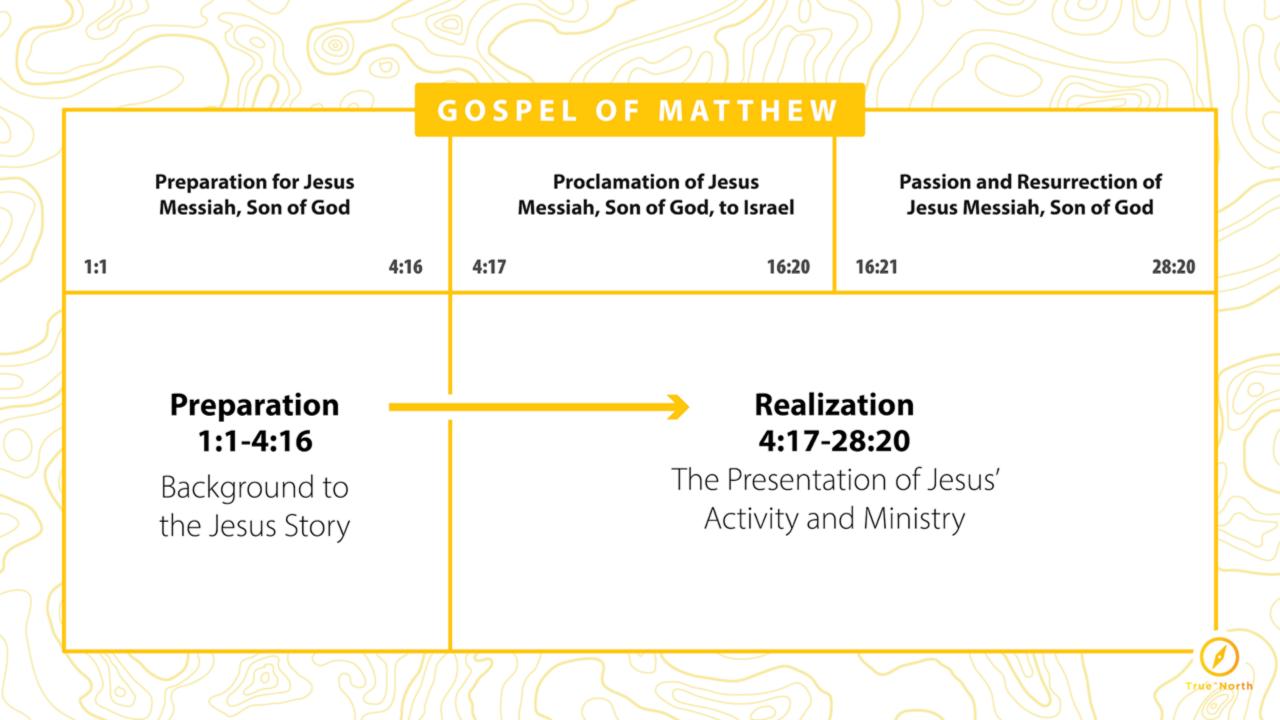
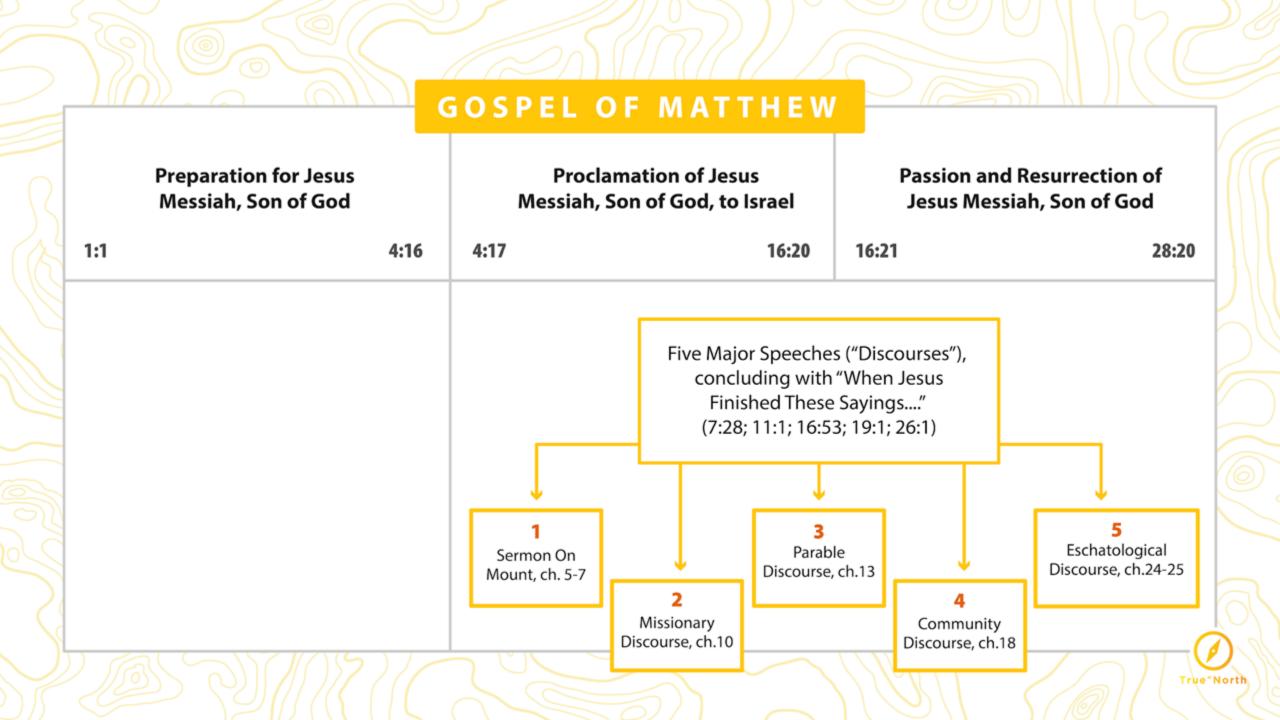
The Gospel & The Four Gospels

The First Words of Jesus

The Introduction of the Gospel According to Matthew

Matthew 3-4





GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Preparation for Jesus Messiah, Son of God Proclamation of Jesus Messiah, Son of God, to Israel Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Messiah, Son of God

1:1 4:16 4:17 16:20

16:21 28:20

General Statement From that time Jesus
Began to **preach** and to say,
"Repent for the Kingdom of
Heaven is at hand" (4:17)

From that time Jesus
Began to **show** to his disciples
that He must go to Jerusalem
and suffer. (16:21)

Particular

Specific Proclamation of the Kingdom to Israel (4:18-16:20)

Specifics of Jesus suffering and death (16:21-28:20)

Climax

26:1-28:20

Climax of Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Missionary Commissioning

Surely I will be "with you" always, to the end of the age (28:20)

1:1-25:46

Movement toward Cross and Resurrection

They will call his name Emmanuel which means "God with Us" (1:23)



Matthew 3

¹In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ²and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
'Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him."

⁴John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. ⁶Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? 8Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Matthew 3: The Baptism of Jesus

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. 14But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 15 Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

¹⁶As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Matthew 4

¹Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." 4Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶⁴If you are the Son of God, "he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

⁷Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test." 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 94 All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, him only.'" ¹¹Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.