

STUDIES IN MATTHEW

Lesson 1

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INTRODUCTION TO MATTHEW

I. The concept of a gospel

A. Not a biography

B. Not a source book for doctrine

C. An argument to prove a point (s)

II. The Jewish character of the book of Matthew

A. The genealogy

B. An emphasis on Peter

C. The vocabulary

"Kingdom of heaven"

Other terms

D. The subject matter

III. The purposes of the book

A. To prove Jesus is the Messiah

The meaning of "Messiah"

Matthew 16:18

B. To explain God's kingdom program

C. To instruct the Church

Matthew 28:20

Discourses

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IV. Some characteristics of the book

A. Grouping materials

B. An emphasis on discourses

C. The use of prophecy

V. An outline of the book

A. Notice 7:28; 11:1; 13:53; 19:1; 26:1

B. Notice sequence: narrative---discourse

Conclusion and application

A. Cf. Romans 15:8

B. Cf. Romans 11:33

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