

Course: Gospels & Acts

Series: The Gospels

Discussion Forum Two: The Gospel According to Matthew

- 1. Why is it important to understand the historical setting in which Matthew and other gospels were written?**
 - a. Peter Walker – Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University **(01:10)**
 - b. Richard Bauckham – University of St. Andrews **(01:45)**
 - c. Mark Strauss – Bethel Seminary, San Diego **(03:00)**
 - d. Wai-yee Ng – China Graduate School of Theology, Hong Kong **(05:05)**
- 2. How confident should we be that the apostle Matthew wrote the Gospel of Matthew?**
 - a. Richard Bauckham – University of St. Andrews **(06:40)**
 - b. Robert Plummer – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary **(07:55)**
- 3. What can the structure and content of Matthew's gospel reveal about his purpose for writing?**
 - a. Ben Witherington III – Asbury Theological Seminary **(10:25)**
- 4. How did Matthew see Jesus as the fulfillment of Old Testament hopes?**
 - a. James Hamilton – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary **(12:45)**
 - b. Mark Gignilliat – Beeson Divinity School **(13:15)**
 - c. Mike Glodo – Reformed Theological Seminary, Orlando **(14:25)**
- 5. What does the Transfiguration teach us about Jesus' role as the Christ?**
 - a. K. Erik Thoennes – Talbot School of Theology **(17:10)**
 - b. Frank Thielman – Beeson Divinity School **(18:25)**
- 6. What does the Lord's Supper signify in Matthew's gospel?**
 - a. James D. Smith III – Bethel Seminary, San Diego **(21:00)**
 - b. Peter Walker – Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University **(21:35)**
- 7. How was Jesus a greater prophet than Moses?**
 - a. Glen Scorgie – Bethel Seminary, San Diego **(23:50)**
 - b. Stephen Wellum – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary **(25:35)**
- 8. Why did Matthew generally use the term "kingdom of heaven" instead of the term "kingdom of God"?**

- a. Jonathan Pennington – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
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9. Why is it important for Christians to pursue the kingdom of heaven?

- a. Peter Walker – Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University **(31:35)**
- b. Simon Vibert – Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University **(32:15)**

10. How did Jesus' death atone for sin?

- a. J. I. Packer – Regent College, Vancouver **(33:45)**

11. Why is the resurrection of Jesus an indispensable part of the gospel message?

- a. Peter Walker – Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University **(38:35)**
- b. Jonathan Pennington – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
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12. When is Jesus coming back? And what should we be doing in the meantime?

- a. Willie Wells – Birmingham Theological Seminary **(44:25)**

13. In the Sermon on the Mount, was Jesus contradicting the Old Testament?

- a. David Bauer – Asbury Theological Seminary **(48:05)**
- b. James Hamilton – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary **(49:40)**
- c. Dan Doriani – Central Presbyterian Church, Clayton, MO **(50:25)**
- d. Ben Witherington III – Asbury Theological Seminary **(53:55)**

14. Was Jesus' emphasis on heartfelt obedience new, or was it already present in the Old Testament?

- a. James Hamilton – The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary **(56:15)**
- b. Wai-yee Ng – China Graduate School of Theology, Hong Kong **(57:10)**

15. Why did so many people that witnessed Jesus' miracles still reject him as Messiah or Christ?

- a. Mark Strauss – Bethel Seminary, San Diego **(58:25)**

16. Why should the church be important to Christians?

- a. Mike Glodo – Reformed Theological Seminary, Orlando **(1:00:30)**

17. What practical encouragement can we draw from the fact that we're part of God's family?

- a. Steve Harper – Asbury Theological Seminary, Orlando **(1:03:05)**

18. Why does suffering currently exist in the kingdom of heaven on earth?

- a. K. Erik Thoennes – Talbot School of Theology **(1:05:50)**

19. Why did Jesus call his followers to the difficult and dangerous task of evangelizing the entire world?

- a. Wai-yee Ng – China Graduate School of Theology, Hong Kong **(1:08:30)**
- b. Simon Vibert – Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University **(1:09:30)**
- c. Peter Kumic – Evangelical Theological Seminary, Osijek, Croatia
(1:10:10)

20. What exactly is repentance, and what does it have to do with God's kingdom?

- a. David Bauer – Asbury Theological Seminary **(1:16:10)**