

***Intro:***

Main Point of Text: Matthew preaches Jesus as the long-awaited Messianic King who has come to rule His redeemed.

Sermon Point: *Bow to King Jesus and Be Blessed.*

***Move 1: Hear the voice of the long-awaited Son of God and Son of Man.***

For thousands of years the Law, Psalms and Prophets had spoken of Christ the redeeming ruler. Then, 400 years between the Old and New Testaments without God speaking. Against the centuries of silence comes the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, “Prepare ye the way of the Lord!” One of Matthew’s themes: OT prophecy fulfilled in Jesus; e.g. 1:22. Matthew is seeking to prove that Jesus is the “Christ” (1:16): Greek for “Messiah”, Anointed One appointed to/assigned a job. Son of David/Abraham is the Son of Man and the Son of God. Mt. 3:17; 17:5. READ Ps. 2:6-8. Son of Man, Christ’s favorite self-reference re: Daniel 7, the Messianic King of Kings.

***Move 2: Bow to God’s incarnate Son that you would be saved.***

“Jesus” is His name. From Hebrew “Yeshua”. It means “God is salvation”: vs. 21. *Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel ... the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth ... Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.* (Act 4:10-12) Acts 16:30-31: *And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.* Saved to serve.

***Move 3: If Jesus is your Good Shepherd He is your Glorious King.***

“Son of David”: Messianic phrase referring to his eternal Kingship. 2 Sam 7:12-13; Ps. 132:11. Christ’s Kingship is Matthew’s main emphasis. Ned Stonehouse: contains at least 50 instances of the term “the kingdom”. “Gospel of the kingdom” is what was to be preached to the Jews and Gentiles (Mt. 4:23; 9:35; 24:14). Peaching to sinners began, “Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand” (Mt. 3:2; 4:17; 10:7). The Parables are about being in or out of the Kingdom of Heaven at the time of the King’s return, especially the 10 unique to Matthew. Lord’s Prayer has the unique conclusion. Christ has the authority to forgive sins (9:6). In the Sermon on the Mount Christ speaks as Moses on Mt. Sinai declaring God’s rule and rules as the prophets declared, “Thus saith the Lord” – except, He said, “I say unto you!”, a phrase especially in Matthew. People were astonished at His authoritative speaking (7:28); and demands. Five sections key to book’s structure, each ending with, “And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, ...” (7:28; 11:1; 13:53; 19:1; 26:1). Discipleship into the Kingdom (3:1-7:29); Apostleship in extending the Kingdom (8:1-11:1); Preaching and Teaching the Kingdom and Concealing It (11:2-13:53); Administration of the Kingdom (13:54-19:1a); Kingdom’s Judgment and Triumph (19:1b-26:2). Kingdom’s inauguration in the

introduction (1:1-2:23); promise of its consummation in the conclusion (26:3-28:20). Great Commission focuses on end of means: 28:18-20. How you respond to this authoritative claim is everything: READ Psalm 2:1-5, 9-12a. See insert of Wilkinson & Boa: First half (1:1-11:1), “Offer of the King”; second half, (11:2-28:20), “Rejection of King.” Your response to the King is of Matthew’s greatest concern. Test will be Mt. 16:18-19; 18:15-20.

***Move 4: Serving the Son of David rewards you with all the blessings promised to Abraham.***  
“Son of Abraham”. God’s promise of blessing in Gen. 12:3; God’s confirmation to His seed is in Gen. 22:18. Christ’s Beatitudes, unique to Matthew, about this blessing of inheriting Abraham’s earth (ch. 5). So Christians, how blessed are you: Gal 3:6-9;16-17, 26, 29). READ Psalm 2:12ac.

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