

# MATTHEW

THE KINGDOM BEGINS



**Over the next several years we will intermittently  
be surveying the 11 sections of the  
*Gospel of Matthew*  
in order to help us understand what it means to  
be a maturing follower of Christ...to be His disciple.**



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# Matthew 28:16-20

- 16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.
- 17 And when they saw Him they worshipped Him, but some doubted.
- 18 And Jesus came and said to them,  
“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
- 19 **Go** therefore and **make disciples** of all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
- 20 **teaching them to observe all that I have commanded** you.  
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**11** Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to Him.



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## **John 14:6-7**

Jesus said to him (Thomas), “I am the way, and the **truth**, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know Him and have seen Him.”

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