



A SERIES OF SERMONS FROM  
**ST. MATTHEW'S GOSPEL**

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## INTRODUCTION

During the 2009/2010 church year, I have decided to use the Book of Matthew as our Gospel resource. I have been totally inspired by this gospel as I've re-read it in preparation for the series of sermons. We will look at the book in three sections. The first section I have called "Jesus the Generous Teacher". This section deals with the teaching of Jesus as recorded in Chapters 5-7. I think it will be a blessing and a challenge to us all as we read through this section of the Gospel dealing with Jesus teaching on morals, money, and worry to name but a few. I believe all of us need to peel back the lairs of institutionalised Christianity that seeks to impoverish and enslave us to a system or a tradition rather than allowing the pure words of Jesus to speak with authority right into our hearts. This series of ten sermons will seek to summarise the top ten themes that Matthew records.

We will then take a break from the Gospel teaching for a few weeks to study the Epistle of James before we enter into our Advent themes, which will once again be centred around Matthew's Gospel. I have chosen the book of James because it is predominately a Hebrew piece of writing as is Matthew's Gospel. James is emphasising the importance of faith in action and I believe it compliments well the teaching of Jesus. As Christians we need to be continually reminded that true religion is not about assent to theological dogmas. It is about living out the significance and meaning of the teaching of Jesus in our every day lives.

When we come to advent this year I have chosen the theme "The World is Still Waiting". Although "Waiting" is a generic theme for Advent it is especially relevant at this time in our world history. In the midst of this painful and challenging financial crisis, the world is looking and waiting for answers that will bring hope and the courage to believe that things can get better. The word "still" reminds us of the pain of the past and how nothing has been able to satisfy the hunger of the human heart. Nothing except this amazing story of Love as told in the Good News of Christmas.

As we move into 2010 we will once again return to Matthew's Gospel and be confronted by "Jesus the Generous Miracle Worker" Such stories in the gospel remind us that we too are called to live in the power of the Holy Spirit. We need to open our eyes and move out of our one dimensional world of logic and discover the God who is above and beyond logic. The God who calls us to explore the mystery of faith. "Greater things than these will you do" Jesus once said. In these stories of miracle and mystery we are also led to discover the reaction of denial and fear which comes from those who are locked into their one dimensional world view.

Before we journey toward to Easter during lent we will look at the reactions of various people groups to Jesus and see how relevant they continue to be when it comes to engaging with the things of the Spirit. All this will lead us to the final chapters of Matthew where we are challenged to take the powerful story of the resurrection of Jesus and share it with the world.

## 2nd August

This Is Our God  
Led by Elders who were at Clan

## 9th August

The Least Of These  
Donald Scott

## 16th August

Monster's Stink  
Holiday Club Service

## 23rd August

Jesus and the Beatitudes  
Matt. 5: 1-16

## 30th August

Jesus Teaches Morals  
Matt 5: 17-48

## 6th September

Jesus On Motives  
Matt 6: 1-18

## 13th September

Jesus And Money  
Matt 6: 19-24

## 20th September

Jesus On Worry  
Matt 6: 25-34

## 27th September

Jesus On Discernment  
Matt 7: 1-6

## 4th October

Jesus On Encouragement  
Matt 7: 7-11

## 11th October

Jesus' Golden Rule  
Matt 7: 12

## 18th October

Jesus And His Warnings  
Matt 7: 15-27

## 25th October

Don't Give Up  
James 1

## 1st November

Cultivate Generosity  
James 2

## 8th November – Remembrance

Words Can Wound Or Heal  
James 3

## 15th November

Holiness/Worldliness  
James 4

## 22nd November

Get Your Life In Perspective  
James 5

## 29th November – Advent 1

The World Is Still Waiting For Hope  
Matt 1: 18, 2: 1-23

## 6th December – Advent 2

The World Is Still Waiting...  
For Forgiveness  
Matt 3: 1-17

## 13th December – Advent 3

The World Is Still Waiting...  
For Justice  
Matt 4: 1-11

## 20th December – Advent 4

The World Is Still Waiting...  
For Peace  
Matt??

**24th December – Watch night**

The World Is Still Looking...

For Meaning

Matt. 1: 1-17

**25th December – Christmas Day**

The World Is Still Waiting...

For A Saviour

Matt

**27th December**

Closing The Year

But Claiming A Future

Matt 9: 6-17

**3rd January – Communion Sunday**

Jesus The Generous Miracle

Worker

Matt 7: 28-29

**10th January**

Makes A Leper Clean

Matt 8: 1-4

**17th January**

Heals The Paralysed Man

Matt 8: 5-13

**24th January**

Heals A Mother In Law

Matt 8: 14-17

**31st January**

He Calms A Storm

Matt 8: 23-27

**7th February**

He Casts Out Demons

Matt 8: 28-34

**14th February**

Heals A Paralysed Man

Matt 9: 1-8

**21st February – Lent 1**

Healing Compassion

Matt 9: 18-35

**28th February – Lent 2**

People's Reaction

Matt 11: 2-15

**7th March – Lent 3**

The Pharisees

Matt 12: 2-10

**14th March – Lent 4**

Herod

Matt 14: 1-13

**21st March – Lent 5**

The Twelve Disciples

Matt 16: 16

**28th March – Palm Sunday**

Jesus In Jerusalem

Matt 21: 1-17

**2nd April – Good Friday**

Crucified As A Convict

Matt. 26-27

**4th April – Easter Sunday**

Risen As A Redeemer

Matt: 28

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