



**SERIES: MAY- JULY: THE MAIN THING**

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**Scripture: Matthew**

**TITLE: Matthew – Long Live the King**

What is the longest you've had to wait for something or someone? How long was it? Who is that person? What was that thing? Was it the return of a loved one from school or service in the military? Was it that new furniture or a car? Was it the completion of your new home? Was it something else? Well, the Book of Matthew is the realization of the long-awaited Messiah. That is why you should study this book.

The Book of Matthew is the first book of the New Testament. It's one of four Gospels written about Jesus Christ. Matthew was a Jewish tax collector turned follower of Jesus. He wrote this Gospel to the Jews about this Messiah.

This book documents the genealogy of Jesus, the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. In 28 chapters, we get a beautiful collection of proof that Jesus is the King of Jews. He is that long-awaited Savior of the world.

Matthew records the miraculous birth of Jesus, many of His miracles, the teaching to the crowds, the discipleship of the twelve, His death, burial, and resurrection, and the commissioning of the disciples.

In the book of Matthew, you will encounter seventeen references to fulfilled prophecy, including the virgin birth, the birth site of Bethlehem, the call out of Egypt, and His criminal's death.

What's the main thing from the Book of Matthew? It is that Jesus is King. Matthew's signature phrase, "the kingdom of heaven" occurs 32 times in this book and is found nowhere else in the New Testament.

Matthew 28:18-20 (CSB) says,

*"Jesus came near and said to them, 'All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. 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, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'"*

Jesus Christ was given all authority from God the Father. He is King Jesus now and forever. As His children, we are His treasure and His followers. Therefore we should live like it.

So here's my challenge for you today: submit to King Jesus. Here in the U.S., we don't have a king. But we do know from history and social studies that what a king decrees, his people obey.

And though we are free to live how we want, King Jesus has the best way. He can be trusted. So let's submit to Him and follow Him each and every day.

When we do, we will win the day.