





The Gospel of  
MATTHEW

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*Astonishing Promises,  
Astonishing Fulfillment*

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*Revelation 21: And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb (Jesus). The nations will walk by its light...*

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*Zechariah 12:10 “I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.*

# The Life Of The Christ Follower is a Combination of Faithful Functioning & Alert Anticipation

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## Matthew 24:31

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