



THE GOSPEL OF
MATTHEW



Workers for the Harvest

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Five Blocks of Stories and Teaching

Mt 7:28	“And when Jesus finished these sayings...”
Mt 11:1	“When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples...”
Mt 13:53	“And when Jesus had finished these parables...”
Mt 19:1	“Now when Jesus had finished these sayings...”
Mt 26:1	“When Jesus had finished all these sayings...”



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Matthew 4:23

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- The growing hostility in Mt 8–9 shows why the disciples must be ready for “wolves” (10:16).



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- **Announcing** “proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom”
- **Restoring** “healing every disease and every affliction”



The Healings of Jesus

- They change people's lives dramatically.
- They show his care for our physical well-being.
- They symbolize our deeper need.
- They illustrate spiritual regeneration.
- They display his grace and power.
- They strengthen our faith and hope.
- They build our confidence in the resurrection.
- They show his dominance in spiritual warfare.
- They confirm his divine messianic identity. *
- They temporarily reverse the curse.
- They preview his future kingdom.



2. The deep compassion of Jesus (9:36)

³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.



Matthew 8:17

This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah:
“He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.”



Like Sheep without a Shepherd

- Numbers 27:16–18
- 1 Kings 22:17
- Zechariah 10:2; 13:8
- Ezekiel 34:5



3. The passionate plea of the church (9:37–38)

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