



THE GOSPEL OF
MATTHEW



Dealing with Doubt

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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 3:10

“Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”



“Are you the one who is to come?”

- Psalm 40:7: “Behold, I have come...”
- Psalm 118:26: Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the LORD!
- Isaiah 59:20: “And a Redeemer will come to Zion...”



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Psalm 126:5–6

- 5 Those who sow in tears
shall reap with shouts of joy!
- 6 He who goes out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.



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Jesus' Messianic Ministry

9:27–31	the blind receive their sight
8:5–13; 9:1–8	the lame walk
8:1–4	lepers are cleansed
9:32–33	the deaf-mute hear and speak
9:18–26	the dead are raised up
8–9; 5:3	the poor have the good news preached to them



Isaiah 35:5–6

- 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
- 6 then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.



Isaiah 29:18

In that day the deaf shall hear
the words of a book,
and out of their gloom and darkness
the eyes of the blind shall see.



Isaiah 26:19

Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise.

You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy!
For your dew is a dew of light,
and the earth will give birth to the dead.



Isaiah 61:1

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison
to those who are bound...



Matthew 5:3

“Blessed are **the poor in spirit**,
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