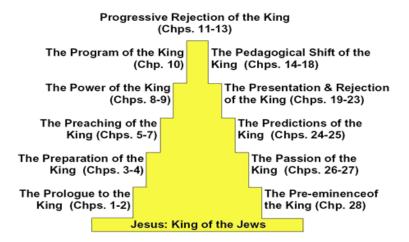
THE SCRIPTURAL BASICS OF THE "CHURCH"

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Let's do some Marching through Matthew.

The Basic Outline of Matthew



What happened after the rejection of Jesus as the Messiah by the religious leaders of Israel at the

	blasphemy of the Holy Spirit? (Matthew 12:22-37)
1.	The <i>meaning</i> of "church" is a What determines the nuance of "ekklesia" in each Scripture passage?
2.	The Builder of the Church is • What does the word "build" denote?
	• Who are <u>not</u> the builders & why is this important to remember?
	• What does Satan promote?
3.	The <i>beginning</i> of the Church would be, beginning on the Day of Pentecost {John 14:20, 15:2, 17:20-25; Acts 1:4-8, 2:1-4, 5:11, 8:1-3, 11:22, 26, 12:1, 5: 1 Cor. 12:13; Rom. 16:17}. What false teachings do these biblical truths destroy? That the Church

a. Started with — some in Covenant/ Reformed Theology teach this.

c. Started with ______ – some Baptists embrace this.

b. Started with — most in Covenant/ Reformed Theology believe this.

d. Started during – some Baptists & others teach this.

	e. Started after the conversion of – Hyper-dispensationalists believe this.
•	consistently apply a normal, grammatical, historical contextual method of interpretation consistently all the Scriptures so as to "rightly divide" them, what doctrinal position will you arrive at?
4.	The <i>owner</i> of the Church is Why is this important to always remember and acknowledge? Because the church does <u>not</u> belong to the pastor{s}, the board of elders or deacons, the big giver, the senior statesman, the founding family, or to the denomination. It belongs to Jesus Christ.
5.	The foundation of the Church is the
6.	The durability of the Church is seen by How can Christ's promise both encourage us and warn us
7.	The <i>nature</i> of the church is that there is the church which consists of saved Jews & Gentiles who have become united in the Body of Christ {Eph. 1:22-23, 2:14-16} which finds visible expression in the churches around the world consisting of believers in Christ.
	These local churches are to regularly assemble or gather locally {Rom. 16:5; Col. 4:15-16; Heb. 10:24-25} to hear the Gospel preached {Col. 1:28}, to learn the Word of God {Acts 2:42}, to worship God in spirit and in truth {John 4:23-24}, to fellowship one with another {Acts 2:42}, to become equipped for the work of ministry {Eph. 4:12}, and so forth and to then scatter to evangelize the lost in their spheres of influence to whom many of the New Testament Epistles were originally addressed.
	• 1 Timothy 3:15
	• How does this apply to you?
	It is indispensable that every believer in Christ understands that Jesus Christ is presently so as to cooperate with His plan for today.
	It is imperative that every believer "rightly divides" the mystery truth given to the and its teaching in all 3 tenses / phases of salvation vs God's past program for Israel under the OT Law or even Jesus Christ's teachin about His coming future Kingdom as presented in the Gospels.