

Matthew

Matthew 21:28-32; 18:15-17; 13:16-17 (Lk. 10:23-24); 16:13-18 (Mk. 8:27-29)

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I. Introduction

II. Two-Source Hypothesis

III. Historical context

A. Destruction of Jerusalem, 70 AD

B. Pharisaic Judaism becomes dominant

IV. Tensions seen in Matthew between Christians and Pharisees

A. Matthew's Jesus is highly anti-Pharisaic (12:24, 30)

B. Pharisees are not the people of God (21:28-32)

C. Christians may be out of the synagogue

D. Solution is to go to Gentiles, not just Jews (28:19-20)

V. Christians are the true people of God

A. Jesus and Matthew were Jewish

B. Fourteen quotation of Old Testament (1:22-23)

C. Church structures (18:15-17)

VI. Literary work of Matthew

A. Follows geography and chronology of Mark

B. Adds to Mark

1. Genealogy (1:1-17)

2. Great discourses (Ch. 5-7; 10; 13; 18; 24-25; 13:16-17; Lk. 10:23-24)

3. Fourteen scripture quotation and fulfillment

4. Resurrection appearances and commissioning

C. Not cut-and-paste but transformation

VII. When was Matthew written?: 80-90 AD

A. Uses Mark and Q

B. Pharisees are main opponents

C. Written after destruction of Jerusalem (22:7)

VIII. Where was Matthew written?: Antioch

A. Greek speaking area

B. Jews and Christians in intense interactions

C. Ignatius of Antioch quotes Matthew, 110 AD

D. Peter is the first Bishop of Antioch (16:13-18; Mk. 8:27-29)

E. Introduces Syria into sources (4:24)

IX. Lessons?

A. Perspective is important

B. Re-appropriate the past to stay relevant

C. Jesus' life speaks in all circumstances

X. What else?

XI. LET US PRAY!

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Mark

Matthew 21:28-32

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.

Matthew 18:15-17

¹⁵“If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector.