**Gospel of Matthew**

1. **Intertestamental Period**
   1. Greek influence
   2. Jews allowed to govern themselves
   3. The office of High Priest is open to the highest bidder
   4. Hellenization is enforced upon the Jews
      1. The abomination that causes desolation
      2. Daniel 11:31;12:11, Mark 13:14
   5. Jews rebel
      1. What they expected of their Messiah
      2. Jesus brought a different message
   6. Hasmonean dynasty ends with the death of Antigonus and the Rise of Herod the Great
   7. This period sees a moral, religious and social decline
2. **The Gospel of Matthew**
   1. Matthew (under the guidance of the Holy Spirit; John 14:26) is considered the author of this Gospel.
   2. Matthew was a tax collector.
      1. Matthew 9:9-10, Mark 2:14, Luke 5:27;
      2. Excluding the list of Apostles, this is the only mention of him.
   3. Written between 50AD-70AD (before the fall of Jerusalem), to a Jewish audience.
   4. It is written as a defense, to prove to the Jewish people that Jesus is their Messiah.
3. **Matthew Chapter 1**
   1. The term Gospel refers to “good news or proclaiming good news
   2. Matthew 1:21;John 1:17, Romans 3:21-24
   3. Son of David, Son of Abraham (the use of a lineal descent as opposed to a father, son relationship)
   4. Matthew ties Jesus to the promises made to David (2 Samuel 7:12-16; 1 Chronicle 17:11-14; Psalm 89:3-29)
   5. He ties Jesus to David, demonstrating a legal claim to be called the King of the Jews (Matthew 2:2. Matthew 27:37).
   6. Son of Abraham, Genesis 12:2-3; 22:18. Consider Galatians 3:16, 29
   7. Matthew Gospel was never meant to have a full genealogy
4. **Matthew tracks Jesus lineage from Abraham (v.2-17)**
5. **Verses 18-25**