

New Testament Overview Spring 2022

Session 1: The New Covenant King: The Gospels of Mark and Matthew

Psalm 110

The LORD says to my lord, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool."

The LORD sends out from Zion your mighty sceptre. Rule in the midst of your foes.

Your people will offer themselves willingly on the day you lead your forces on the holy mountains.

From the womb of the morning, like dew, your youth will come to you.

The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind,

"You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses;

he will shatter heads over the wide earth.

He will drink from the stream by the path; therefore he will lift up his head.

The course this term:

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| Today - | The New Covenant King Matthew and Mark |
| Next Week - | The Covenant in Luke and Acts |
| 17/2 - | Living as God's Covenant people Paul's letters |
| 3/3- | Living as God's Covenant people General Letters |
| 24/3 - | The Covenant and the Trinity John, 1-3 John |
| 31/3 - | The climax of the Covenant - Revelation |

2.1 The Four Gospels

Authorship and Date

Genre

Interrelationships

Mark

Luke and Matthew (or Matthew and Luke)

John

The Canon...

2.2 The Gospel of Mark

Prologue 1:1-13

Who is Jesus 1:14-8:30

In Galilee - Jesus' authority and opposition 1:14-3:6

In Galilee - Signs of the king, and mixed responses 3:7-6:13

Beyond Galilee – signs and responses 6:14-8:30

What did Jesus come to do?

On the road to Jerusalem – predictions and what it means to follow Jesus 8:31-10:52

In Jerusalem – confrontation 11:1-13:57

At the Cross – death and resurrection 14:1-16:8

Distinctive emphases of Mark:

- 1. Jesus Son of God, Son of Man**
- 2. Discipleship**
- 3. Narrative detail and less is more**
- 4. Open-ended conclusion**

2.3 Matthew

Narrative sections	Five major discourses
Origin and birth of Jesus Christ (1-2)	
The beginnings of Jesus' ministry (3-4)	The sermon on the mount (5-7)
Jesus demonstrates his power and authority in Galilee (8-9)	The sending of the 12 (10)
Rising Opposition to the Gospel (11-12)	Parables of the Kingdom (13)
Opposition and confession of Jesus as the Christ (14-17)	Life in the Kingdom (18)
Journey to Jerusalem and confronting the authorities (19-22)	Woes now, and woes to come (23-25)
The Passion and Resurrection (26-28)	

Matthew's birth narrative (1-2)

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Distinctive themes of Matthew's gospel:

- 1. Fulfilment**
- 2. Jesus the teacher**
- 3. Disciples and the church – Matthew 16 and 18**
- 4. Jewishness**
- 5. The law**

2.4 Matthew 20:29-21:22 and Mark 10:46-11:25

<p>Matthew 20:²⁹ And as they went out of Jericho, a great crowd followed him. ³⁰ And behold, there were two blind men sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was passing by, they cried out, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" ³¹ The crowd rebuked them, telling them to be silent, but they cried out all the more, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" ³² And stopping, Jesus called them and said, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³³ They said to him, "Lord, let our eyes be opened." ³⁴ And Jesus in pity touched their eyes, and immediately they recovered their sight and followed him.</p>	<p>Mark 10:⁴⁶ And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho <i>with his disciples</i> and a great crowd, <i>Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus</i>, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." <i>And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you."</i> ⁵⁰ <i>And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.</i> ⁵¹ And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." ⁵² And Jesus said to him, "<i>Go your way; your faith has made you well.</i>" And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.</p>
<p>21:1 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them', and he will send them at once."</p>	<p>11:1 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴ <i>And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it.</i> ⁵ <i>And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?"</i> ⁶ <i>And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go.</i></p>
<p>⁴ This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵ "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and^[a] on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"</p>	
<p>⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"</p>	<p>⁷ And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹ And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"</p>
<p>¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹ And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."</p>	<p>¹¹ And he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.</p>

	<p>¹² On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. ¹³ And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴ And he said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard it.</p>
<p>¹² And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. ¹³ He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer', but you make it a den of robbers."</p>	<p>¹⁵ And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. ¹⁶ And he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. ¹⁷ And he was teaching them and saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers."</p>
<p>¹⁴ And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵ But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant, ¹⁶ and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, "'Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise'?"</p>	<p>¹⁸ And the chief priests and the scribes heard it and were seeking a way to destroy him, for they feared him, because all the crowd was astonished at his teaching.</p>
<p>¹⁷ And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.</p>	<p>¹⁹ And when evening came they went out of the city.</p>
<p>¹⁸ In the morning, as he was returning to the city, he became hungry. ¹⁹ And seeing a fig tree by the wayside, he went to it and found nothing on it but only leaves. And he said to it, "May no fruit ever come from you again!" And the fig tree withered at once.</p>	
<p>²⁰ When the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, "How did the fig tree wither at once?" ²¹ And Jesus answered them, "Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea', it will happen. ²² And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."</p>	<p>²⁰ As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. ²¹ And Peter remembered and said to him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered." ²² And Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. ²³ Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea', and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. ²⁴ Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. ²⁵ And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."</p>

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Addition elements in Matthew, including doubling, in bold

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