**Matthew’s Gospel**

**Jesus: The King and His Kingdom**

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| Date 2019 | Speaker | Passage | Title | Extra | |
| January 6 | D Knowles | **Matthew 1** | Jesus: Immanuel | |  |
| 13 | CH | **Matthew 2** | Jesus: the King | |  |
| 20 | D Knowles | **Matthew 3:1-12** | Jesus: Mightier than I | |  |
| 27 | G Campbell | **Matthew 3:13-4:11** | Jesus: God’s beloved Son | |  |
| February 3 | A Paterson | **Matthew 4:12-25** | Repent and follow Jesus | |  |
| 10 | G Campbell | **Matthew 5:1-16** | The Gospel of the Kingdom | |  |
| 17 | John Hannah | **Matthew 5:17-26** | Jesus and the law | |  |
| (24) | (Mission wknd) |  |  | |  |
| March 3 | CH | **Matthew 5:27-37** | Jesus and the heart | |  |
| 10 | CH | **Matthew 5:38-48** | Love like the Father | |  |
| 17 | David Trodden | **Matthew 6:1-18** | The new righteousness of God’s Kingdom | |  |
| 24 | Peter Williams | **Matthew 6:19-34** | Seek first the Kingdom of God | |  |
| 31 | D Knowles | **Matthew 7:1-12** | A Father who is in Heaven | |  |
| April 7 | CH | **Matthew 7:13-29** | A tree and its fruit | |  |
| 14 |  | **Matthew 27:27-54** | The Crucified King | |  |
| 21 (Easter) | D Knowles | **Matthew 28:1-10** | The Risen King | |  |

In their book ‘How to read the Bible book by book’ Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart rightly say that it is fitting for Matthew to come first in the New Testament. “First, from the opening sentence it has deliberate and direct ties to the Old Testament; second, because of its orderly arrangement of Jesus teaching, it was the most often used Gospel in the early church.” This teaching and narrative focusses in on the identity of Jesus as the expected Messianic King. Jesus inaugurates the time of God’s kingly rule. Matthew records for us the proclamation of and life in the kingdom as well as the power and mission of the kingdom of heaven.

Interestingly, ‘fulfilled’ is one of Matthew’s characteristic verbs. As Eugene Peterson points out, “the story of Jesus doesn’t begin with Jesus. God had been at work for a long time”. Our hope is that in our Centenary year Matthew’s Gospel may help deepen our understanding and worship of Jesus. May Matthew’s testimony make us want to submit to and live under God’s kingly rule and so enjoy the blessing of life in His Kingdom.

Preaching Team

Books: Bible Speaks Today- J Stott ‘Sermon on the Mount’, M Green ‘Matthew’