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MATTHEW				
	<b>Announcement and Arrival of the King</b> Main Emphasis: His Credentials Birth Baptism Temptation CHAPTERS 1-4	<b>Proclamation and Reception of the King</b> Main Emphasis: His Message Sermon on the Mount Miracles Discourses Parables CHAPTERS 5-15	<b>Opposition and Rejection of the King</b> Main Emphasis: His Suffering and Death Spread of opposition Preparation of disciples Final predictions Crucifixion CHAPTERS 16-27	<b>Resurrection and Triumph of the King</b> Main Emphasis: His Conquest God's power Great Commission CHAPTER 28
<b>The King</b>	His identity: Israel's promised King		His destiny: "Crucify Him!"	
<b>Scope</b>	Teaching the vast multitudes		Teaching the Twelve	
<b>Location</b>	Bethlehem and Nazareth	Ministry in Galilee	Ministry in Judea	
<b>People's Reaction</b>	Increased popularity		Increased hostility	
<b>Theme</b>	Jesus is the King, Israel's long-awaited Messiah.			
<b>Key Verses</b>	16:16-19; 28:18-20			
<b>Christ in Matthew</b>	Jesus, the Messiah, fulfills the prophecies, promises, types, and expectations of the Old Testament Scriptures (16:16-19; 28:18-20).			

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Matthew 3:3-6 <sup>3</sup>For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" <sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.<sup>5</sup> Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup> and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Why does Matthew stop at verse 3 when quoting Isaiah 40:3-5?

What is meant by prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight?

Why bother with a description of John's clothing and diet?

What is startling about John's baptizing such large numbers of Jews?

Did all of those baptized by John have salvation?

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Matthew 3:7-10 <sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup> And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup> Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

What is the impact of calling the Pharisees vipers?

What is the meaning of bearing fruit in keeping with repentance?

What is meant by "Abraham is our father" and "raising children from stones"?

What is John talking about with reference to cutting down the tree and burning it?

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