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MATTHEW			
Announcement and Arrival of the King Main Emphasis: His Credentials Birth Baptism Temptation CHAPTERS 1-4	Proclamation and Reception of the King Main Emphasis: His Message Sermon on the Mount Miracles Discourses Parables CHAPTERS 5-15	Opposition and Rejection of the King Main Emphasis: His Suffering and Death Spread of opposition Preparation of disciples Final predictions Crucifixion CHAPTERS 16-27	Resurrection and Triumph of the King Main Emphasis: His Conquest God's power Great Commission CHAPTER 28
The King	His identity: Israel's promised King		His destiny: "Crucify Him!"
Scope	Teaching the vast multitudes		Teaching the Twelve
Location	Bethlehem and Nazareth	Ministry in Galilee	Ministry in Judea
People's Reaction	Increased popularity		Increased hostility
Theme	Jesus is the King, Israel's long-awaited Messiah.		
Key Verses	16:16-19; 28:18-20		
Christ in Matthew	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 5:2-3 ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

What is the meaning of Blessed?

What does it mean to be poor in spirit?

What do the poor in spirit obtain?

1 Thessalonians 5:23 says we are composed of *spirit, soul, and body*. What is the difference between *soul* and *spirit*?

What attitudes or influences in our lives keep us from recognizing our own poverty of spirit?

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How do I know if I am poor in spirit?

When I am poor in spirit I am:

1. Weened from self; lose a sense of self
2. Lost in the wonder of Christ
3. Not complaining about my situation
4. Seeing only the excellence in others and the weakness in me
5. Spending much time in prayer
6. Taking Christ on His terms and not my own
7. Praising and thanking God for His graces

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Thoughts,
Comments?

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