

## **Messiah in the Gospel of Matthew: Introduction**

Introduction: The early church – a commission with no book

The author:

Matthew 9:9 (Mk 2:14, Lk 5:27)

His source

An outline of the book

His motivation 1: *To serve as an early church catechism in the Great Commission*

When did he write the Gospel?

His motivation 2: *As a bridge for his Jewish brethren*

Is he anti-Jewish? (Mt 12:9, 21:43, 23:1-36, 27:5)

Love for the Hebrew Scriptures (Mt 5:17-20)

An Old Testament-like genealogy (Mt 1:1)

Many quotations from the Old Testament

Jews and Gentiles in the Gospel of Matthew

The message of the Gospel of Matthew: *Jesus is the Messiah*

How will you respond to this Gospel?

Application for the church: Read 2 chapters a day of Matthew over the next two weeks.