

# The Book of Matthew

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## Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God's Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses which the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

## Morning Study

Today we continue our study of the book of **Matthew**, this time reading **chapters 8-14**. These chapters can be divided into five subsections:

### Read chapters 8-9

These two chapters record a series of miracles performed by Jesus, all of which attest to his messianic anointing and some of which point to his divine nature. Throughout this period, Jesus is also training his disciples – preparing them for the time when he will send them out two by two.

### Read chapter 10

Jesus now sends out his disciples, and instructs them on how they are to travel and what they are to proclaim. But Jesus also delegates them the same authority he has – to heal the sick, drive out demons, cleanse the lepers and raise the dead.

### Read chapters 11-12

In these two chapters, Jesus continues to minister throughout Galilee. At least a portion of this time coincided with the time his disciples were itinerating throughout the villages of Galilee.

### Read chapter 13

Jesus tells a number of “kingdom parables” – stories designed to illustrate the nature of the kingdom of God.

### Read chapter 14

After the beheading of John the Baptist, Jesus retreats into more remote areas. But the crowds still follow him, resulting in two major miracles – the feeding of the five thousand and the walking on the water.

# Memory Verse

So if the Son sets you free,  
you will be free indeed.

John 8:36

## Your Fishing Kit

This is the twenty-sixth verse in your fishing kit. This verse flows on from your previous memory verse – **John 8:32**. It shows that it is not just knowing some ambiguous “truth” that sets us free. It is knowing Jesus himself – whom, as we have already seen in **John 14:6**, is the truth.

Here are the other verses in your “fishing kit”:

<b>John 3:16</b>	<b>Isaiah 55:6-7</b>	<b>John 1:12</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 5:17</b>
<b>John 3:18</b>	<b>Romans 5:8</b>	<b>John 3:3</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 5:21</b>
<b>John 3:36</b>	<b>1 John 4:10</b>	<b>John 5:24</b>	<b>Matthew 10:32-33</b>
<b>Ephesians 1:7-8</b>	<b>Acts 2:38</b>	<b>John 6:37</b>	<b>Romans 2:4-5</b>
<b>Romans 3:23</b>	<b>Acts 3:19</b>	<b>John 8:32</b>	<b>Acts 17:30</b>
<b>Romans 6:23</b>	<b>Acts 4:12</b>	<b>John 8:36</b>	<b>1 John 5:10</b>
<b>Isaiah 53:5</b>	<b>John 14:6</b>	<b>John 10:10</b>	<b>1 John 5:11-12</b>
<b>Isaiah 53:6</b>	<b>1 John 1:8</b>	<b>John 10:28</b>	<b>John 14:1-3</b>
<b>Isaiah 59:1-2</b>	<b>1 John 1:9</b>	<b>Romans 10:9</b>	<b>John 16:33</b>
<b>Isaiah 64:6</b>	<b>1 John 1:10</b>	<b>Romans 10:13</b>	<b>Revelation 3:20</b>

Store these verses in your heart. Memorize them until they have an “on the tip of your tongue” familiarity. You will find them of immeasurable value as you cooperate with the Lord in his mission of bringing the Gospel to this lost world.