

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 15-20**. This section of **Matthew** describes Jesus' ministry in Galilee, Phoenicia, the Decapolis, Perea and Judaea, in the leadup to his final week in Jerusalem. These chapters can be divided roughly into three subsections:

Read chapters 15-16

- **15:1-20** – Jesus teaches on ritual cleanness.
- **15:21-28** – The faith of the Canaanite woman
- **15:29-39** – The feeding of the four thousand
- **16:1-12** – The Pharisees and Sadducees demand a sign
- **16:13-20** – Peter's confession of Christ
- **16:21-28** – Jesus predicts his death and resurrection

Read chapters 17-18

- **17:1-13** – The transfiguration of Jesus
- **17:14-23** – A demonized boy is healed
- **17:24-27** – The Temple tax
- **18:1-9** – The greatest in the kingdom of heaven
- **18:10-14** – The parable of the lost sheep
- **18:15-20** – Forgiveness and the parable of the unmerciful servant

Read chapters 19-20

- **19:1-12** – Jesus teaches on divorce
- **19:13-15** – The little children
- **19:16-30** – The rich young man
- **20:1-16** – The parable of the workers in the vineyard
- **20:17-19** – Jesus again predicts his death and resurrection
- **20:20-28** – The request of Salome
- **20:29-34** – The healing of two blind men

Memory Verse

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;
I have come that they may have life,
and have it to the full.

John 10:10

Your Fishing Kit

This is the twenty-seventh verse in your fishing kit. What an amazing statement! While others have come to take, Jesus came to give. He came to give life to us – but not just any ordinary kind of life. This life is life “to the full” (NIV) or “more abundantly” (KJV).

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

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

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.