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| <b>Announcement and Arrival of the King</b><br>Main Emphasis: His Credentials<br>Birth<br>Baptism<br>Temptation<br>CHAPTERS 1-4 | <b>Proclamation and Reception of the King</b><br>Main Emphasis: His Message<br>Sermon on the Mount<br>Miracles<br>Discourses<br>Parables<br>CHAPTERS 5-15 | <b>Opposition and Rejection of the King</b><br>Main Emphasis: His Suffering and Death<br>Spread of opposition<br>Preparation of disciples<br>Final predictions<br>Crucifixion<br>CHAPTERS 16-27 | <b>Resurrection and Triumph of the King</b><br>Main Emphasis: His Conquest<br>God's power<br>Great Commission<br>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 5:9** **“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”**

What is the world's definition of peace?

What is Biblical peace?

Why is there no peace among humans (GEN 8:21, JER 17:9)?

What does it mean to be a peacemaker?

What is the promise to the peacemaker?

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**Progression of becoming a peacemaker**

- We must first make peace between ourselves and God
- We help others make peace with God
- We help other believers make peace with each other

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**Matthew 5:10-12** <sup>10</sup> **“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”** <sup>11</sup> **“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.”** <sup>12</sup> **Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.**

Is persecution inevitable for Christians (John 15:18-19)?

Why does the world hate Christianity?

What are the two forms of persecution we may receive?

What purpose does persecution serve?

How are we to handle persecution when it comes?

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Ideas,  
Thoughts,  
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Thank you!

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