

## THE PROCLAMATION OF MATTHEW'S GOSPEL IN LITURGICAL YEAR A

The proclamation of Matthew's Gospel follows the narrative and literary design of the Gospel. The focal points are the five sermons or discourses which Matthew has inserted into the received tradition from Mark's Gospel. These discourses then "speak into" the narrative sections of the Gospel, creating the juxtaposition and interaction of Jesus' Word-Deed, of narrative-discourse.

The proclamation can be divided into seven sections as the year unfolds.

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### Section 1: Affirming Jesus' Identity and John's Witness about Jesus

SUNDAY	1	The Baptism of Jesus	Mt 3:13-17
SUNDAY	2	The witness of John the Baptist	Jn 1:29-34

### Section 2: Discipleship in the God's Kingdom

#### *Narrative*

SUNDAY	3	The call of the first disciples	Mt 4:12-23
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#### *Discourse*

SUNDAY	4	The Sermon on the Mount (1)	Mt 5:1-12
SUNDAY	5	The Sermon on the Mount (2)	Mt 5:13-16
SUNDAY	6	The Sermon on the Mount (3)	Mt 5:17-37
SUNDAY	7	The Sermon on the Mount (4)	Mt 5:38-48
SUNDAY	8	The Sermon on the Mount (5)	Mt 6:24-34-
SUNDAY	9	The Sermon on the Mount (6)	Mt 7:21-27

### Section 3: God's Kingdom Spreads

#### *Narrative*

SUNDAY	10	The call of Levi	Mt 9:9-13
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#### *Discourse*

SUNDAY	11	The mission sermon (1)	Mt 9:36-10:8
SUNDAY	12	The mission sermon (2)	Mt 10:26-33
SUNDAY	13	The mission sermon (3)	Mt 10:37-42

### Section 4: The Mystery of God's Kingdom

#### *Narrative*

SUNDAY	14	The revelation to the simple	Mt 11:25-30
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#### *Discourse*

SUNDAY	15	The parable sermon (1)	Mt 13:1-23
SUNDAY	16	The parable sermon (2)	Mt 13:24-43
SUNDAY	17	The parable sermon (3)	Mt 13:44-52

## **Section 5: The Community of Disciples and its Response to Jesus**

### *Narrative*

SUNDAY 18	The feeding of five thousand	Mt 14:13-21
SUNDAY 19	Jesus walks on the waters	Mt 14:22-33
SUNDAY 20	The Canaanite woman	Mt 15:21-28
SUNDAY 21	Peter's confession	Mt 16:13-20
SUNDAY 22	The passion prophesied: discipleship	Mt 16:21-27

### *Discourse*

SUNDAY 23	The community sermon (1)	Mt 18:15-20
SUNDAY 24	The community sermon (2)	Mt 18:21-35

## **Section 6: Authority and Invitation—Jesus' ministry concludes**

### *Narrative*

SUNDAY 25	The parable of the labourers	Mt 20:1-16
SUNDAY 26	The parable of the two sons	Mt 21:28-32
SUNDAY 27	The parable of the wicked vinedressers	Mt 21:33-43
SUNDAY 28	The parable of the marriage feast	Mt 22:1-14
SUNDAY 29	Paying tribute to Caesar	Mt 22:15-21
SUNDAY 30	The greatest commandment	Mt 22:34-40
SUNDAY 31	Hypocrisy and ambition	Mt 23:1-12

### *Discourse*

SUNDAY 32	The final sermon (1)	Mt 25:1-13
SUNDAY 33	The final sermon (2)	Mt 25:14-30

## **Section 7: God's Kingdom Revealed**

SUNDAY 34	Christ the King	Mt 25:31-46
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