

Live the **RED: Jesus** in Matthew  
 The **Kingdom** of God: *Right-Sizing Life*

- Matthew's theme: Jesus as Messiah: the **true King** establishing His eternal **Kingdom** (*key word appears 80 times*).
- Jesus comes as the **fulfillment** of all the Law and the Prophets (5:17-18): ***This has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.*** (Matthew 26:56; *some variation of this is key phrase*)
- In Matthew, Jesus is the **true Israel**, *God's faithful covenant partner*:

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| <i>Israel</i> : God's first-born (Ex 4:22)                    | <i>Jesus</i> is God's first-born (Matt 1)                        |
| <i>Israel</i> : into/called out of Egypt                      | <i>Jesus</i> : into/ out of Egypt (Matt 2)                       |
| <i>Israel</i> passes thru waters (Ex 14)                      | <i>Jesus</i> passes thru waters (Matt 3)                         |
| <i>Israel</i> led into wilderness (tested)<br>40 years: fails | <i>Jesus</i> : wilderness (tempted,<br>Matt 4) 40 days: conquers |
| <i>Israel</i> receives Law on Mt                              | <i>Jesus</i> delivers Law on Mt.<br>(Matt 5)                     |

- Jesus is creating a new **Kingdom** (His 'gathered ones' [church], 16:18):
  - Founded on one true **King**, and on
  - New **Kingdom**-principles: Jesus is **RIGHT-SIZING LIFE**: (Matthew contains the most **RED** letters: more teachings, sayings, stories and parables of Jesus = all about the **Kingdom**).
- Jesus' five extended-**RED** teachings on His **Kingdom** are found in:
  - Matthew 5-7: *Principles* of the Kingdom
  - Matthew 10: *Servants* of the Kingdom
  - Matthew 13: *Progress* of the Kingdom
  - Matthew 18: *Fellowship* of the Kingdom
  - Matthew 24-25: *Consummation* of the Kingdom—  
Return of the **King**!

The **Beatitudes** (Blessings) of Jesus in *Matthew 5:1-12* are characteristics that increasingly define the lives of those in His **Kingdom**-community.

**APPLICATION:**

**Blessed** are the **peace-makers**, for they will be called the **children of God**.  
 Matthew 5:9;

For the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, and **peace**. Galatians 5:22.

| Live the RED:<br>The Gospel of Jesus Christ According to: |          |                                   |  |   |                                       |
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| Author  | Audience | Main Theme:<br>Jesus As           | Genealogy<br>Begins With   | Key Word<br>or<br>Phrase                            |                                       |
| 1. Matthew  | Jews     | Promised Messiah<br>True King     | Abraham / David  | Kingdom<br>(To fulfill what<br>prophets had spoken) | Son of God<br>Believe<br>Eternal Life |
| 2. Mark   | Romans   | Powerful Conqueror                |  | Immediately<br>(Action/ Power)                      |                                       |
| 3. Luke   | Greeks   | Perfect Man / Savior<br>of All    | Adam   | Holy Spirit<br>(Salvation)                          |                                       |
| 4. John   | Church   | God!<br>All-sufficient<br>I AM... | In the Beginning<br>Was the Word...<br>Word was God...<br>Word became flesh. |   |                                       |