

Matthew's Story

Narrative Block 1 (Matt 1:1–4:16)

Setting the Scene-God's Initiative & Jesus' Identity

Narrative Block 2 (Matt 4:17–7:29)

The in-breaking of the kingdom of heaven through Jesus' teaching & preaching

Discourse 1 – Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5:1–7:29)

Narrative Block 3 (Matt 8:1–11:1)

The in-breaking of the kingdom of heaven through Jesus' teaching, preaching & healing

Discourse 2 – Mission Discourse (Matt 10:5–11:1)

Narrative Block 4 (Matt 11:2–16:20)

Jesus' identity necessitates a response from Israel

Discourse 3 – Parable Discourse (Matt 13:1–53)

Narrative Block 5 (Matt 16:21–20:34)

Jesus establishes new Israel, the church, for those who respond

Discourse 4 – Community Discourse (Matt 18:1–19:2)

Narrative Block 6 (Matt 21:1–26:2)

The climax of the conflict between Jesus and Israel

Discourse 5 – Eschatological Discourse (Matt 23:1–26:2)

Narrative Block 7 (Matt 26:3–28:1–20)

The in-breaking of the kingdom of heaven in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Narrative Block 1 Kernel

Matt 1:18–25: Mary's conception of Jesus through the Holy Spirit

Narrative Block 2 Kernel

Matt 4:17–25 Jesus' teaching, preaching, and healing activity, and the need for human response

Narrative Block 3 Kernel

Matt 9:9-17: Jesus' calling of Matthew

Healing Narratives (Matt 8:1–17)

Test Case #1: (8:18–22)

Healing Narratives (8:23–9:8)

Test Case #2: (9:9–17) – Narrative Kernel

1. The call of Matthew (9:9)

2. Embedded purpose statement (9:13)

3. Encounter w/John's disciples (9:14–17)

Healing Narratives (9:18–35)

Narrative Block 4 Kernel

Matt 11:2–6 // 16:13-20: The question posed by the disciples of John, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" (11:2-6) // Jesus' question to his own disciples on the same topic of His identity, "But who do you say that I am?" (16:13-20)

Narrative Block 5 Kernel

Matt 16:21–28 // 20:17–34 featuring the pattern: 1) a passion prediction followed by 2) an ill-advised rebuke or request from a disciple, followed by 3) a monologue by Jesus on the nature of true discipleship.

Narrative Block 6 Kernel

Matt 21:12–22: The temple cleansing and the cursing of the fig tree, an event against which the temple cleansing is juxtaposed

Narrative Block 7 Kernel

Matt 27:45–28:10: The crucifixion and the resurrection of Jesus

Cosmic sign (heaven): Darkness covers the earth (τὴν γῆν) (27:45)

Jesus' cry of abandonment (27:46)

Hostile witnesses (27:47–49)

The death of Jesus (27:50)

Cosmic sign (earth): [Καὶ ἰδοὺ . . .] veil rent, earthquake, tombs open (27:51–53)

Soldier's fear and cry of amazement (27:54)

Sympathetic female witnesses (27:55–56)

The burial of Jesus (27:57–66)

Cosmic sign (earth): [Καὶ ἰδοὺ . . .] earthquake and angel of the Lord (28:2–3)

Soldier's fear and become lifeless (28:4)

Female witnesses addressed by angel (28:5–7)

The physical appearance of Jesus (28:8–10)