

Matthew's gospel: the favourite of the Early Church

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Madingley
Cambridge**Tutor** Dr Jane McLarty**Course code** 1718NRX043**Director of Programmes**

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Tutor biography

Dr Jane McLarty is Senior Tutor at Wolfson College and an Affiliated Lecturer for the Faculty of Divinity, where she teaches New Testament Greek. Her particular interest is in early Christian narrative, particularly narratives of martyrdom.

Course programme

Friday

Please plan to arrive between 16:30 and 18:30. You can meet other course members in the bar which opens at 18:15. Tea and coffee making facilities are available in the study bedrooms.

19:00	Dinner
20:30 – 22:00	Beginnings
22:00	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

Saturday

07:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	Matthew's Jesus: teacher
10:30	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	Matthew's Jesus: healer and exorcist
13:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	Free
16:00	Tea
16:30 – 18:00	the Kingdom of Heaven (and the rule of Caesar)
18:00 – 18:30	Free
18:30	Dinner
20:00 – 21:30	Matthew and Judaism
21:30	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

Sunday

07:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	Matthew and the church
10:30	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	Conflict, Cross and Commission
12:45	Lunch

The course will disperse after lunch

Course syllabus

Aims:

1. To introduce students to the particular themes and interests of the gospel of Matthew.
2. To gain a deeper understanding of the gospel's relationship both to mainstream Judaism and early Christianity.

Content:

Matthew's gospel: the favourite of the early church

We will begin by considering Matthew's origins and its relationship to the other synoptic gospels, looking in detail at the birth narratives as an introduction to the gospel, and considering how Matthew's material differs from that of Luke. We will go on to Matthew's presentation of Jesus as a 'second Moses', looking at the great discourses of the gospel and the Matthean parables to establish key themes of Jesus' message, and then at Jesus' activities as healer and exorcist. The idea of the 'kingdom of heaven' will lead us to consider questions of judgement, salvation and eschatology, and the historical context of the gospel within the Roman Empire. We will examine the question of Matthew's 'Jewishness' (and his apparent anti-semitism), and how his view of the new Jesus movement might fit with this, and finally we will look at the ending of the gospel: Matthew's presentation of the death and resurrection of Jesus and the great commission to the disciples.

Presentation of the course:

Each session will begin with a lecture to open up the topic followed by extended discussion. Sessions will be supported by Powerpoint presentation and primary and secondary sources as appropriate.

As a result of the course, within the constraints of the time available, students should be able to:

1. Understand the particular themes and interests of Matthew's gospel.
2. Critically interpret and evaluate current debates on issues such as Matthew's Jewishness and his presentation of the person and work of Jesus.

Reading and resources list

Listed below are a number of texts that might be of interest for future reference, but do not need to be bought (or consulted) for the course.

Author	Title	Publisher and date
Elaine M. Wainwright	<i>Matthew: the Basileia of the Heavens is near at hand</i>	Bloomsbury
Ian Boxall	<i>Discovering Matthew: content, interpretation, reception</i>	SPCK
Clive Marsh & Steve Moyise	<i>Jesus and the Gospels</i>	T&T Clark
Daniel J. Harrington	<i>The Gospel of Matthew</i> (commentary; concise and good on explaining historical context)	Liturgical Press
Margaret Davies	<i>Matthew</i> (2 nd ed) (commentary; reader response approach)	Sheffield
Warren Carter	<i>Matthew: storyteller, interpreter, evangelist</i>	Baker academic
Daniel M. Gurtner (et al) ed.	<i>Jesus, Matthew's gospel and early Christianity</i>	Bloomsbury

Website addresses

www.ntgateway.com

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