



THE GOSPEL OF
MATTHEW



Welcoming the New

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Miracles + Calls to Discipleship in Matthew 8–9

3 miracles	8:1–17
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Matthew 11:2–5

² Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ⁴ And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.”



John 3:29

“... The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom’s voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete.”



Psalm 16

- ² I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you...”
- ⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup...
- ⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.
- ⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.



Psalm 16

- 8 I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure...
- 11 You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.



Acts 1:9

...as they were looking on, he was lifted up,
and a cloud **took** him out of their sight.



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