

Going deeper into Matthew

Sunday Evenings 7.30 to 8.30

28th February.

Deeper into Matthew? Aargh! Where would I start?

A gentle introduction to digging deeper into Matthew or the other gospels. Intended to be a springboard for personal study rather than a list of all the answers!

Level: beginner / beginner plus

14th March.

Matthew the author: shameless proof-texter or subtle Old Testament scholar?

An examination of the way that Matthew uses Old Testament quotations. How do they help us to understand Jesus better?

Level: intermediate (accessible but challenging for beginners)

21st March.

'The coming of the Son of Man' – a debate.

How are we to interpret the tricky passages in Matthew 24 and 25? Do they refer to the destruction of the temple in AD70? Or are they hints of the rapture and tribulation to come? Are there other interpretations that we should consider? A light-hearted three-way debate that aims to grapple seriously with the questions.

Level: not for the fainthearted!

Matthew's Gospel Series

Sunday Mornings

14th Feb. Woe to the skin-deep brigade Matt 23

21st Feb. Outrageous obedience Matt 26:36-57

28th Feb. Jesus: sacrifice and host Matt 26:17-30 Last supper – Jesus' reinterpretation/fulfillment of Passover.

7th March. The blood of the covenant Matt 26:17-30 cf Heb 9:11-28 without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness

14th March. Let God rescue him! Matt 27:27-44 Victory & kingship through sacrifice & weakness

21st March. The darkest hour Matt 27:45-46 Cry of dereliction – the abandonment by the Father.

28th March. Confidence to enter Matt 27:51-54 The tearing of the temple curtain and the cry of the centurion.

4th April (Easter Day). Resurrection and commission Matt 28