

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2021 Week 25 (June 14 - 18)

“Let the Word of Christ dwell in us richly” ... and bear fruit in our lives) – Colossians 3:16.

Historical Context (Paul’s third missionary trip).

59 AD Approximate date of the writing of Matthew.

The authorship of Matthew is not given. Nor do we know where it was written. However, because the original was written in Hebrew, it is thought to both have a Jewish writer, and was written for a Jewish audience.

The later Greek version of Matthew has the title “According to Matthew”. This comes from a description of Matthew by Papias – who wrote from (present day) south-west Turkey from the city of Hierapolis, about 100 AD – “therefore Matthew put the *words* in an ordered arrangement in the Hebrew language, but each person interpreted them as best he could.”

It should be noted that the original writings of Papias have been lost, and the information about Matthew from Papias is simply a quote from Eusebius: writing from Caesarea (on the coast of the Mediterranean, and close to 55 miles from Jerusalem), about 300 AD.

Day Reading Clarification from the Greek (the original language)

Mon.	Matthew 11	(:29)	Yoke = Something that helps us carry something else. The teaching that helps us carry the Law. Notice the characteristics of the teacher, and his teaching – gentle (in the Greek = useful, good, pleasant, kind, friendly; ethically excellent and perfect) light (easy to carry).
Tues.	Matthew 12	(:23)	Son of David = Another name for the Messiah. While the name first comes from the Old Testament, II Samuel 7:16 “... your throne shall be established forever”; it is also found in the literature between the Old and New Testament. Therefore, in the Psalms of Solomon #17 (written about 90 BC) we read: “See, O Lord, and raise up for them their king, the son of David, At the time known only to you, O God, that he may reign over Israel your servant.”
Wed.	Matthew 13	(:55)	Carpenter = “Tektonos” in Greek, from which we get the word, “technonlogy.” It means a craftsman or builder that uses wood, stone, or metal.
Thurs.	Matthew 14	(:31)	Faith / Doubt = <u>Faith</u> = to trust someone or something. <u>Doubt</u> = pulled two ways in judgement / evaluation.
Fri.	Matthew 15	(:28)	Great = It is a word of contrast. It is the word from which we get “mega” as opposed to “micro.” It means above the median.

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