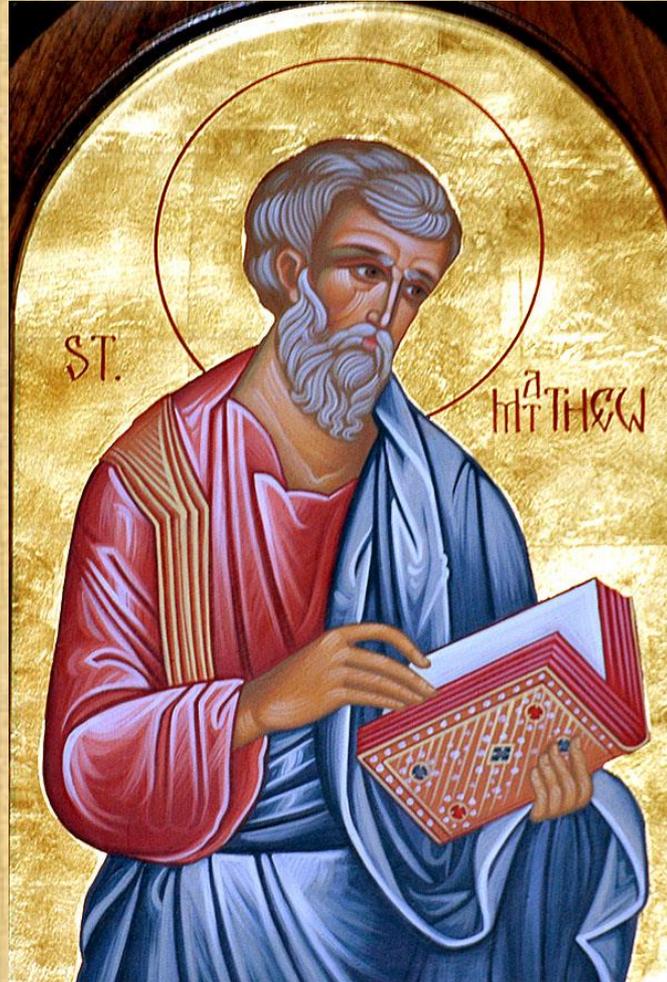
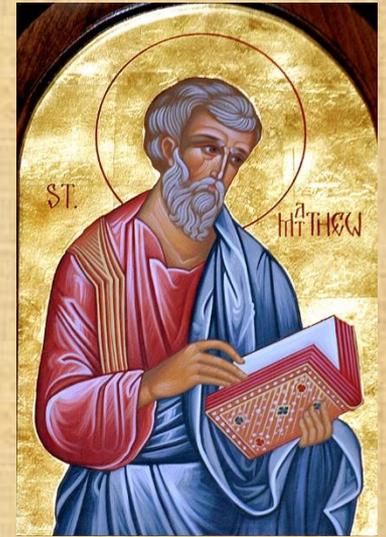


Living in God's Coming Kingdom



Main Themes in Matthew

A QUESTION!



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A Familiar Story!

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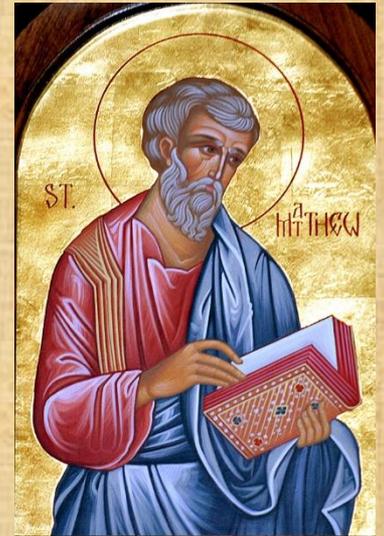
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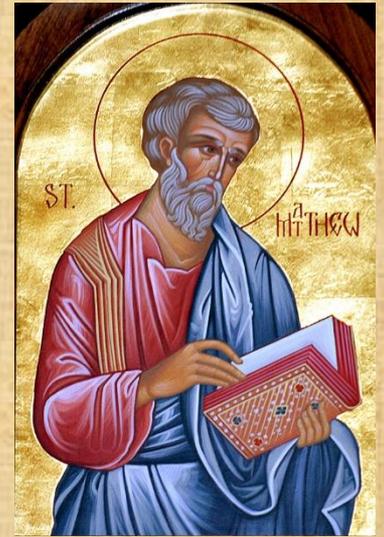
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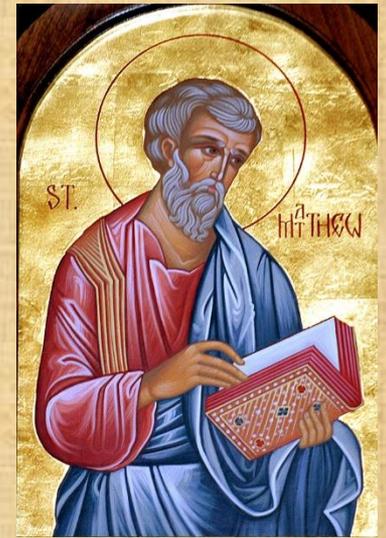
- Named for the disciple of Jesus who was a tax collector
- Steeped in Hebrew Scriptures
- Located in a mixed congregation of Jews and Greeks
- Antioch on the Orontes???

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1. Embracing Jesus as Messiah
2. Seeking the Kingdom of Heaven
3. Following Jesus
4. Welcoming All

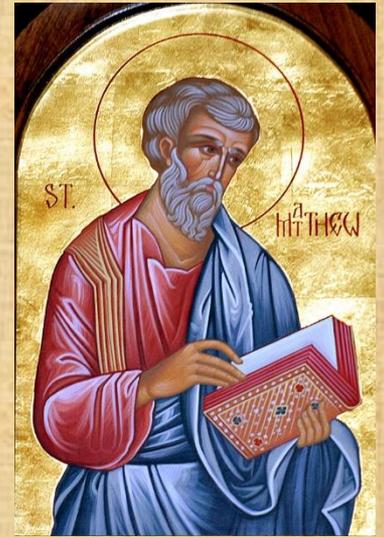
Matthew 1:7-25



“An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham...”

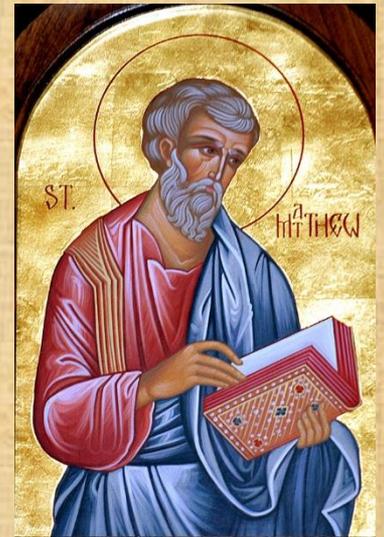
Titles for Jesus in Matthew 1

➤ Son of Abraham



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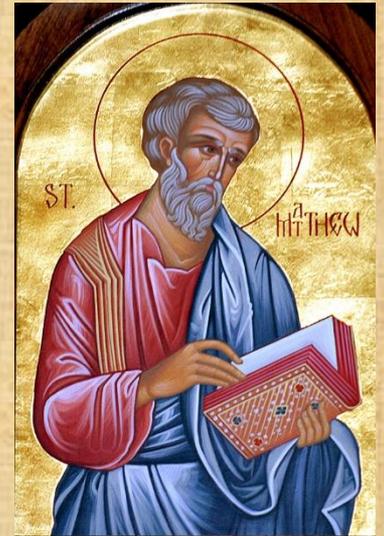
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- Son of David



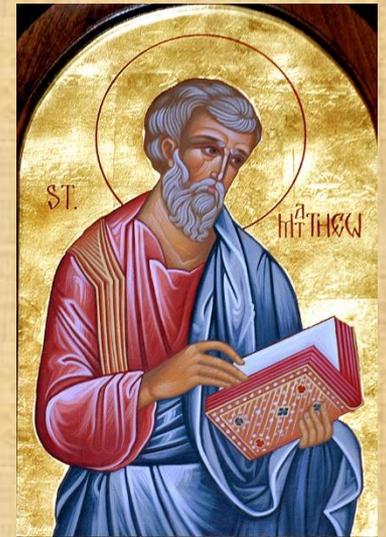
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*(“They shall call his name Emmanuel” –
Matt. 1:23)*



The Advent Hymn!

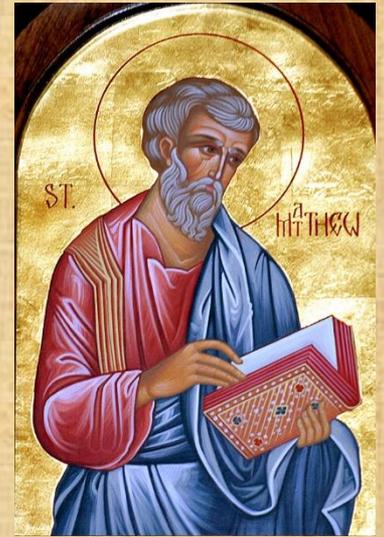


O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

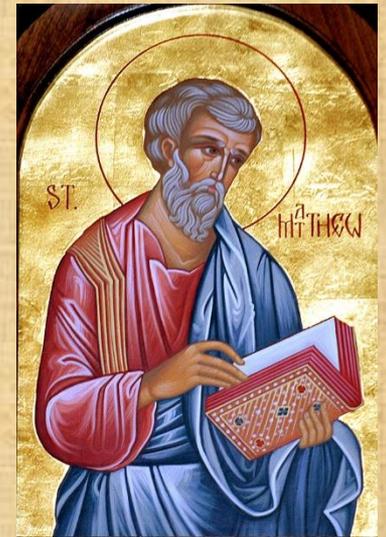
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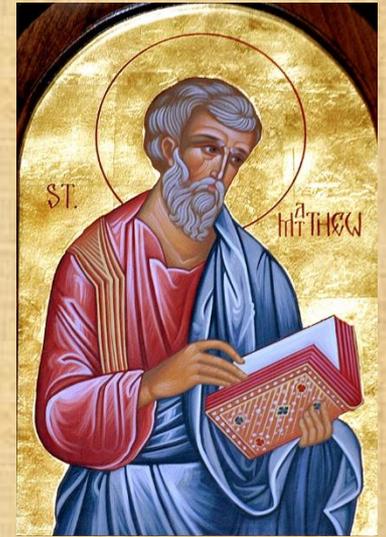


The Title “Son of God”



“All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.” *(Matt. 11:27)*

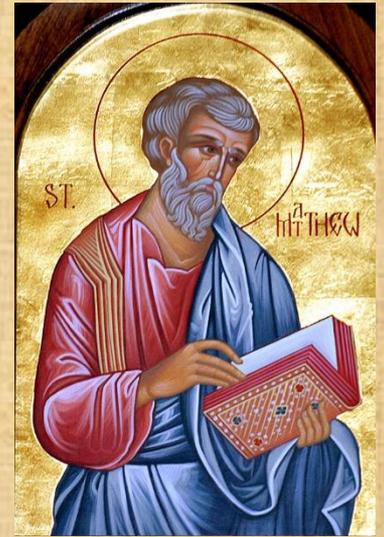
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(And therefore:) **MESSIAH!**

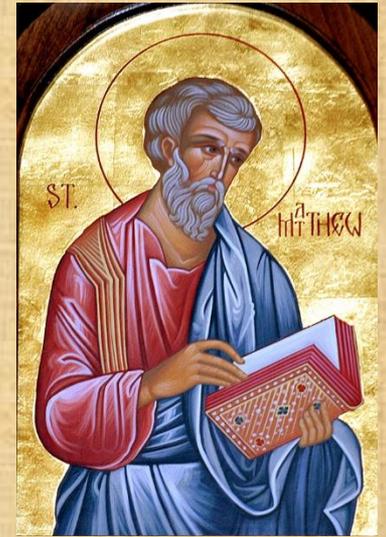
Implications of the Titles



➤ The Authority of Jesus

“Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the sabbath.” He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence... I tell you, something greater than the temple is here... The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.” (Matt. 12:2-8)

Implications of the Titles



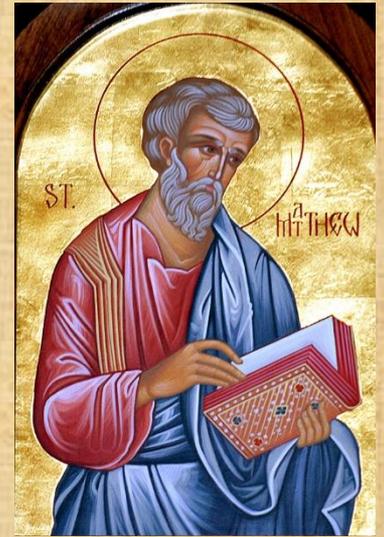
➤ The Power of Jesus (1)

“Lord, save us! We are perishing!” And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, you of little faith?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. They were amazed, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?”

(Matt. 8:25-27)

Implications of the Titles

➤ The Power of Jesus (2)

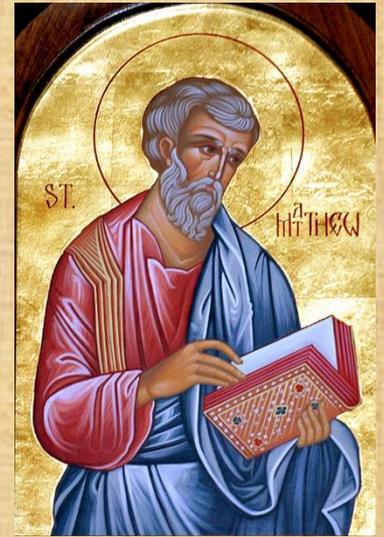


“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

(Matt. 11:28-29)

Implications of the Titles

➤ The Humanity of Jesus (1)



Other descriptions of Jesus in Gospels:

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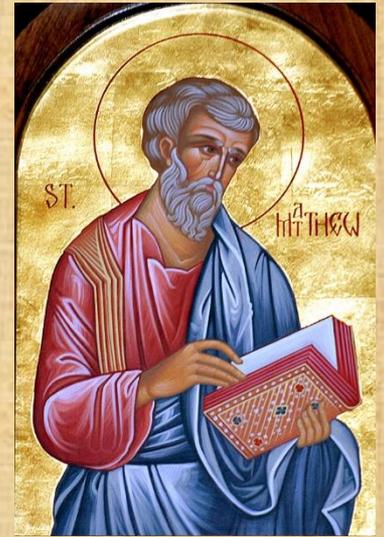
TEACHER

FRIEND

BROTHER

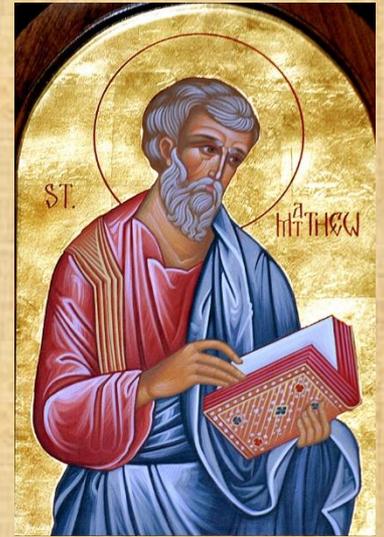
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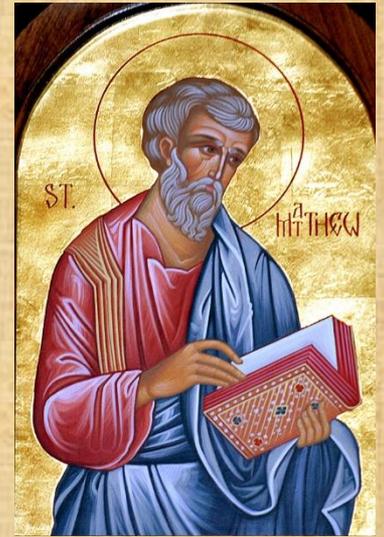
Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. (Matt. 9:36)

SOME QUESTIONS



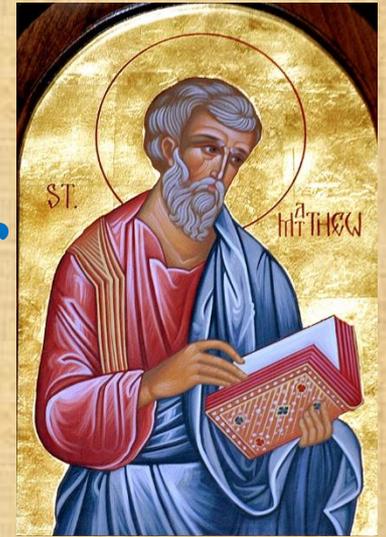
- What strikes you in these titles and in Jesus' role as Messiah? What do they mean for you/us today?
- What impact does it have for you to think of the phrase "Jesus Messiah" instead of "Jesus Christ"?

ANOTHER QUESTION



- If Jesus is who Matthew says he is, what implications does our faith have for how we relate to other religions and spiritual paths?

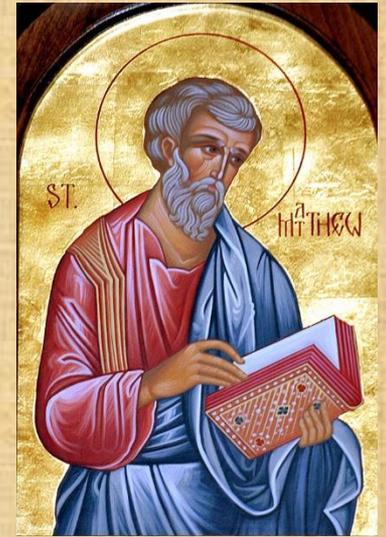
All Glory, Laud, and Honor



Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One.

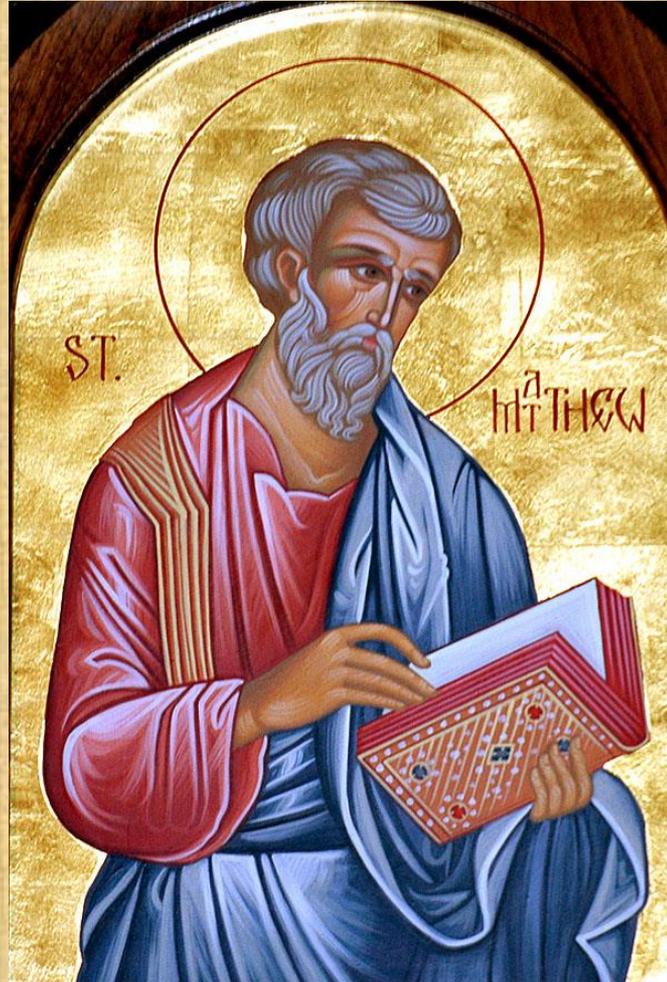
Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring; who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!

FOR THOSE WHO LIKE ASSIGNMENTS!!!



- Matthew 3:1-4:25
- Matthew 11:1-19
- Matthew 13:1-52
- Matthew 24:3-25:30

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