

December 14

Matthew

1-4 Affirming Jesus' Royalty vs Satan's Temptations

4 Invitation—Come, *Follow Me*

A History of Christmas

5 True Righteousness in **Love**

6 Treasure & Lord's Prayer

7 Authority Acknowledged

8 Every Life Valued – Jesus Heals

9 Mercy Extended – Jesus Heals, Raises Dead

10 Loyalty Tested – Sends 12 Out

11 Confronting Doubts – John the Baptist
Father Revealed in the Son

12 Rejecting Legalism – Sabbath & Satan

13 Judgment Coming – Parable of Sower

Merry Christmas

Christ in the Storm on the
Lake of Galilee, 1633
Rembrandt (1606-1669)



Matthew, c. 1625
by Frans Hal

4:16 the people living in
darkness have seen a

Great Light

on those living in the land
of the shadow of death

a Light has Dawned

Doggy needs TREATs for Christmas



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15K



The stories of our LIVES – our HISTORY – our ROOTS

- ✓ Where & WHEN did YOU begin your adulthood?
- ✓ Where & WHEN did YOU “Come of Age”?
- ✓ What were the defining moments that made you
AWARE that you were *now* ADULT, no longer a child?

We cannot pinpoint that time for Jesus

We – you & I – can likely pinpoint a few times for ourselves

- ✓ Maybe it was your first job? First WHAT?
- ✓ First REAL STRUGGLE you had to solve by YOURSELF?

Jesus was an ADULT, Grown enough to FACE SATAN

APPEARS – Jesus BEGAN to Teach – BEGAN to Minister
in Matthew 4:12, in Galilee, choosing disciples, healing sick





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Outlined of the SHORT report on Jesus' Life in the Gospel of Matthew

1-2 Birth and Infancy of Jesus

3-4 Beginning of Jesus's Ministry in Galilee

4:12-17 Jesus Begins to Preach in Galilee

4:18-22 Jesus Calls His First Disciples

4:23-25 Jesus Heals the Sick from All Over

5-7 **Discourse 1**—Sermon on the Mount

8-9 Jesus's First Miracles

10 **Discourse 2**—Ministry of Jesus's Disciples

11-12 Responses to Jesus's Ministry

13 **Discourse 3**—Parables about the Kingdom

14-17 Close of Jesus' Ministry in Galilee

18 **Discourse 4**—Character of Jesus' Disciples

19-20 Jesus' Ministry on Way to Jerusalem

21-23 Jesus' Ministry in Jerusalem

24-25 **Discourse 5**—Last Days: No One Knows the HOUR

26-27 Betrayal, Crucifixion, Burial

28 Resurrection & Commission



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Where is the Rest of the Story?

Didn't Jesus & John the Baptist grow up together, as kiddos?

Of all things, I suspect Jesus grieved over his second cousin ?



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After 40 days in wilderness, after Satan, returns to Nazareth

Jesus hears news of John and WITHDRAWS to Galilee

When did Jesus & John part ways ... maybe as teens

Then AFTER 40 days & AFTER Satan in the wilderness ...

Now in Matthew 4 – Jesus KNOWS what John is facing

Jesus knows what WE FACE – what You & I FACE





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14 to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

**15-16 “Land of Zebulun & land of Naphtali, Way of the Sea,
beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people living in darkness have seen a **Great Light**
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**17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, “REPENT,
“for the Kingdom of Heaven has come NEAR.”**

What does that “Near” mean?

Wherever Jesus is, the Kingdom of Heaven is NEAR

Whoever is WITH Jesus is NEAR the Kingdom of Heaven



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Greek “Mega” + “Phos”
= Great Light

“Great Light” is from literal Greek words “Light *have seen* Great”

“Phos *have seen* Mega” or in English “Mega” + “Phos” = Great Light

**Mega = VERY BIG & Phos = LIGHT that we SEE as well as
LIGHT of Knowledge & Wisdom**

- ✓ **Phosphorus – essential ingredient to ALL OF LIFE
daily recommended at 580 mgs**
- ✓ **Major role in the structure of DNA & RNA**
- ✓ **Phosphorus discovered in 1669 by Alchemist Hennig Brand
while trying to create the fabled **Philosopher’s Stone**
Capable of turning base metals such as lead & mercury into gold & silver**



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“Great Light” is from Greek literally “Light have seen Great
“Phos *have seen* Mega” – in English “Mega” + “Phos” = **Great Light**

- ✓ Phosphorus – was Greek god of the planet Venus with Venus appearing as the Morning Star.
- ✓ Another Greek name for Morning Star is "Eosphorus" which means “Dawn-Bringer“
- ✓ *Phosphorus* is applied in the sense of “Light-Bringing”

Jesus is the MEGA-PHOS – Great Light





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best part of our discourse comes under the third part.

THE TRUE LIGHT FOR A SOUL IN DARKNESS IS

ALL IN CHRIST

Hear ye the text. "The people which sat in darkness

saw Great Light



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Now Christ is not only light, but GREAT LIGHT

**He reveals great things, he manifests GREAT comforts,
saves us from GREAT sin and GREAT wrath, and
prepares us for GREAT GLORY.**

He is, however, a Savior that must be seen.

"The people that sat in DARKNESS saw GREAT LIGHT."

Light is of no use unless it be SEEN.

Faith must grasp the blessings which the Savior brings.

"Look unto ME, be ye saved, all ye ends of the earth."



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**We must SEE the Savior with a glance of faith,
then have we LIGHT.**

**Let us consider how clearly Christ Jesus himself
is the LIGHT of every believing eye,
and delivers the most troubled soul from its misery.**

In Him is LIGHT, and the LIGHT is the LIGHT of men.

**Jesus personally` is the day-dawn &
the morning without clouds**



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**18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee,
he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter
and his brother Andrew.**

**They were casting a net into the lake,
for they were fishermen.**

**19 “Come, follow me,” Jesus said,
“and I will send you out to fish for people.”
KJV “I will make you fishers of men.”**

They knew Fishing for FISH – yet to know Fishing for MEN





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**WHAT a huge book could be written on the charisma,
attractive charm, dynamism of leadership
book on the compelling nature of Christ’s eyes & voice**



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**21 Going on from there, he saw two other brothers,
James son of Zebedee & his brother John.**

**They were in a boat with their father Zebedee,
preparing their nets. Jesus called them,**

**22 and immediately they left the boat
and left their father and followed Him.**

We assume a length of TIME between calling & departure



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**23 Jesus went throughout Galilee,
teaching in their synagogues,
proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom,
healing every disease & sickness among the people.**

We truly cannot comprehend the scope of this HEALING

Not today or anytime for the last 2,000 years – though we TRY

We WANT that – can fantasize about that – but at no time EVER

EVER been such a HEALER of Body & Soul



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24 News about him spread all over Syria,
and people BROUGHT to Him all who were

- ✓ ill with various diseases,
- ✓ those suffering severe pain,
- ✓ the demon-possessed, those having seizures,
- ✓ and the paralyzed; and he healed them.

Wow—Jesus Healed ALL of them

Suffering SEVERE PAIN – *oh my!*

People BROUGHT the weak,
sick, lame, diseased, demon-
possessed, paralyzed to Jesus

Who have you ...brought to Jesus?

I think you too WOULD!

In a day when there
were NO REAL Doctors
No MRIs or even
clean operating rooms

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WHO came to Jesus? EVERYONE!

**25 Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis,
Jerusalem, Judea and the
region across the Jordan FOLLOWED Him.**

Followed Him—Jesus

Why? – cause they saw the Great Light



A man with a shaved head and a brown t-shirt is walking on a city sidewalk. He is looking down at a small, round object he is holding in his right hand. The background shows a city street with trees, a building, and a utility pole. The text "GREATEST LIGHT is in YOU in Christ" is overlaid in large, blue, 3D-style letters. The bottom of the image shows a grassy field and a small palm tree.

GREATEST LIGHT **is in YOU in Christ**

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