

Matthew the Apostle Bible Quiz

10 King James Version trivia questions • Difficulty: Medium

Ten KJV questions on Matthew — his life as a publican, his call by Jesus, his Gospel written to the Jews, and the feast he gave for the Saviour.

Questions

Q1. What was Matthew's occupation before following Jesus?

- A. A fisherman
- B. A publican / tax collector sitting at the receipt of custom
- C. A Pharisee
- D. A scribe

Q2. What did Matthew do immediately after Jesus called him?

- A. He hesitated
- B. He arose, followed him, and made him a great feast in his own house
- C. He argued about wages
- D. He asked for a sign

Q3. What is another name for Matthew?

- A. Levi the son of Alphaeus
- B. Simon Peter
- C. Thomas Didymus
- D. Judas Iscariot

Q4. Why did the Pharisees murmur at Matthew's feast?

- A. Because Jesus ate with publicans and sinners
- B. Because the food was unclean
- C. Because it was on the Sabbath
- D. Because it was too expensive

Q5. What did Jesus say He came to do?

- A. To call the righteous
- B. To call sinners to repentance
- C. To judge the world
- D. To establish an earthly kingdom

Q6. Which Gospel did Matthew write?

- A. The Gospel of Mark
- B. The Gospel of Matthew
- C. The Gospel of Luke
- D. The Gospel of John

Q7. How does Matthew's Gospel begin?

- A. In the beginning was the Word
- B. The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham
- C. Forasmuch as many have taken in hand
- D. The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ

Q8. What group was Matthew part of?

- A. The Sadducees
- B. The twelve apostles
- C. The Pharisees
- D. The scribes

Q9. What was a publican?

- A. A Roman soldier
- B. A tax collector for Rome, despised by Jews
- C. A priest
- D. A scribe

Q10. What does Matthew's conversion demonstrate?

- A. That only the religious are saved
- B. That Jesus transforms lives and calls the despised to follow Him
- C. That tax collectors are beyond hope
- D. That wealth is required for discipleship

Answer Key & Explanations

Q1. What was Matthew's occupation before following Jesus?

Answer: B. A publican / tax collector sitting at the receipt of custom

And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him. (Matthew 9:9, KJV)

Q2. What did Matthew do immediately after Jesus called him?

Answer: B. He arose, followed him, and made him a great feast in his own house

And he arose, and followed him. And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples. (Matthew 9:9, KJV)

Q3. What is another name for Matthew?

Answer: A. Levi the son of Alphaeus

Mark 2:14 calls him Levi the son of Alphaeus, while Matthew uses his Greek name. (Mark 2:14, KJV)

Q4. Why did the Pharisees murmur at Matthew's feast?

Answer: A. Because Jesus ate with publicans and sinners

And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? (Matthew 9:11, KJV)

Q5. What did Jesus say He came to do?

Answer: B. To call sinners to repentance

But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. (Matthew 9:12, KJV)

Q6. Which Gospel did Matthew write?

Answer: B. The Gospel of Matthew

Matthew wrote the first Gospel, emphasising Jesus as the Messiah and King of the Jews, with extensive references to fulfilled prophecy.

Q7. How does Matthew's Gospel begin?

Answer: B. The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham

The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. (Matthew 1:1, KJV)

Q8. What group was Matthew part of?

Answer: B. The twelve apostles

Matthew was one of the twelve apostles, called directly by Jesus despite his despised profession. (Matthew 10:2, KJV)

Q9. What was a publican?

Answer: B. A tax collector for Rome, despised by Jews

Publicans were Jews who collected taxes for Rome, often adding their own profit, making them despised as traitors and sinners. (Matthew 9:9, KJV)

Q10. What does Matthew's conversion demonstrate?

Answer: B. That Jesus transforms lives and calls the despised to follow Him

Matthew left a lucrative, despised career to follow Jesus — a powerful testimony that no one is beyond the reach of grace. (Matthew 9:9, KJV)

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