

## Theology of Matthew

- Distinctive features
- Theological concerns

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## Distinctive Features

- Matthew builds on Mark plus Q and M.
- Distinctive features of Matthew's Gospel?

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## Theological Concerns

- Kingdom of heaven = kingdom of God.
  - Polite circumlocution to avoid God's name.
  - God's reign breaking into history.
  - See Matthew 19:23-24.
  - Matra: more explicit ethical concern.
  - Lord's Prayer: on earth as it is in heaven.
- What is the gospel in Matthew?

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## Theological Concerns

- What is the picture of Jesus in Matthew?

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## Theological Concerns

- Matthew emphasizes divine judgment.
  - *Parousia* is both vindication and judgment.
  - Matthew 25:31-46 (sheep and goats) suggests judgment on the basis of works.
- What do you think?

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