


An IntroductionTeacher's GuideHow to use this study

1. The study provided with this guide is a worksheet for the members of your group. It is good to have one copy for everyone who is present, or for every couple, so they can fill in the blanks. They will also need to come with a Bible and a pen.
2. When you conduct the study do not just read the notes! Spend time studying them yourself, look up the Scriptures and prepare yourself by praying and waiting on the Lord.
3. As you teach, the group is to fill in the blanks. At times you may ask if anyone knows the answer and at other times you can tell them yourself. Make sure you give them time to write the answer in.
4. When you find the word 'discuss' inside this box  give time to answer and discuss the questions. Don't rush these times.
5. Before closing share something you have learnt from the study that will encourage and challenge the group.

ANSWERS FOR STUDY 1

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| a. 66 | h. Revelation | o. Mark |
| b. 39 | i. Completion | p. Luke |
| c. Creation | j. King | q. John |
| d. 27 | k. Servant | r. 60-80AD |
| e. Good news | l. Man | s. Jewish |
| f. Acts | m. Son of God | t. Greek |
| g. The Letters (or Epistles) | n. Matthew | |

Author of Matthew1. Who was Matthew?

- He was a tax collector for the Roman government.
- Like other tax collectors he was probably hated by his fellow Jews.
- Tax collectors were called 'sinners' (v11), probably because they cheated people.
- He was also called Levi son of Alphaeus. This meant that his father's name was Alphaeus.
- Possibly his real name was Levi and after following Jesus he became known as Matthew, which means 'gift of the Lord'.
- How wonderful that Jesus can take a 'sinner' who is despised, and change him into someone who is a 'gift of the Lord'.

1. What lessons can we learn from Matthew's life?

- He immediately responded to the call of Jesus.
- He was willing to leave everything to follow Jesus.
- He wasn't ashamed to invite his 'old' friends to a dinner where they could meet Jesus.
- Although he was an ordinary man, Jesus used him.
- If we are willing to respond to Jesus and leave anything that holds us back, Jesus will also use us.