

The Good News (ie. Gospel)
According to Matthew
(The Kingdom (Rule) of Heaven)

POINT: "What is the book about?"

It is about the rule of Heaven ushered in by the promised Messiah.

PURPOSE: "Why was the book written?"

To cause man to see things God's way that he would turn (repent) from his rule to embrace Heaven's rule (ie. Kingdom of heaven).

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: "How does this affect my life personally?"

1. Whose kingdom do I want to be a part of?

Herod the murderous tyrant (2.1-3; 16-18)

The pious pontificating priest (chapter 23)

Pilate the people pleasing politician (27.11-16)

Or

Jesus (chapter 20)

2. Whose rule does my life reflect?

Kingdom of Heaven or Kingdom of Earth? (5.3-12; 6.24; 7.21; 15.1-3)

3. Who/What are the priorities in my life?

Matthew 6.33; 6.19-21; 10.34-39; 16.24-26; 19.16-22

4. What changes need to be made in my life today?