

ONLY IN MATTHEW

Matthew gives us the genealogy of Joseph, Jesus' adopted father (1:1-17). He also writes the story of Jesus' birth from Joseph's perspective.

Only Matthew tells us about the visit of the magi (wise men) from the east (2:1-12).

Several of Jesus' parables appear only in Matthew: parables of the kingdom of God (13:24-30, 36-52), the parable of the unforgiving servant (18:21-35), the parable of the laborers in the vineyard (20:1-16), and the parable of the bridesmaids (25:1-13).

Matthew alone gives the account of Peter trying to walk on water (14:28-31) and

Jesus' blessing of Peter after his confession that Jesus was the Christ (16:17-19).

Jesus' description of the last judgment is found only in Matthew (25:31-46).

In Matthew's account of Jesus' betrayal and death, Matthew adds the information about Judas' suicide (27:3-10) and about Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor, washing his hands to remove his guilt in the death of Jesus (27:24-25).

Jesus' commission to his followers to make disciples in every nation is recorded only in Matthew's gospel (28:16-20).