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# 40 Days With... The Gospel Of Matthew Volume I: A 40 Day Biblical Devotional Journal: Study Reflect Discern Pray



## Synopsis

Matthew's Gospel presents a rich and detailed narrative that presents a complex and multi-dimensional Jesus. Would you like to dig deep and spend 40 days reflecting upon, journaling, and praying through the Gospel of Matthew? Long teaching discourses are a hallmark of Matthew, including the famous Sermon on the Mount. These long teaching sections provide rich devotional material and it can seem as if Jesus is speaking directly to you. 40 Days with the Gospel of Matthew, Vol. 1 covers the majority of Jesus' Galilean ministry, while 40 Days with the Gospel of Matthew, Vol. 2 begins with Jesus predicting his death and follows him to Jerusalem, the cross, and the empty tomb. Matthew, Vol. 2 would be an excellent 6-week Lenten study. Spending 40 days absorbing the Gospel of Matthew is an opportunity for an enriching and rewarding experience in just a few short weeks. While designed for individual use, this book is easily adaptable for use in small groups. Through daily study and reflection, you'll open your heart to the Holy Spirit and listen for how the scriptures are speaking to you each day. This devotional journal is designed to help you grow spiritually in two ways: Your Biblical Literacy - develop your knowledge of this book by immersing yourself in it for a season. Your Biblical Intimacy- move beyond knowledge and learn how to let Scripture speak to you each day. When these two things are developed and practiced, we allow more room for our relationship with God, allow God to speak to us, and are drawn closer to God. Dedicated, daily time reflecting on Scripture helps you grow in your faith and also helps to keep your daily life in a proper perspective. Patterned on the ancient practice of Lectio Divina, or "praying the Scriptures", the Scripture is our focus in this devotional journal. This resource was designed to help you create space for God to speak to you through the Scripture of the day. Listen to what God is saying to you through Matthew's Gospel. Studying scripture in 40-day segments makes our study more manageable and perhaps more importantly, increases our ability to stick with it as a daily practice. If you haven't done this kind of devotional before, I really think you'll be amazed at what this kind of daily practice will do for you. Be sure to look for other 40 Days with volumes! Make the decision to spend a little time with God's word every day for just six weeks. You'll be glad you did.

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## Customer Reviews

This is the second "40 Days With..." book I've used. I really enjoyed the simplicity of Mark so I decided to use Matthew vol 1 with our Discipleship team at church. I figured our weekly devotional time could center around scriptures we had been reading during the week. What I discovered was nothing new... EVERYONE is strapped for time and needs easy and convenient ways to spend more time discovering scripture. We all appreciated the format of both the layout of the devotional guide and the ease of use (all you need is the book and a pen). Personally this format reminded me of how much Matthew references Old Testament prophecy. The frequency was so much more apparent after reading Mark. I find myself wondering each week how the first century readers/hearers would have comprehended this material. Then I wonder how my neighbors comprehend this material when/if they encounter it. This book has made me intentionally more attentive to those around me who desperately need love, joy, and truth in their overworked, over-stressed, technology filled, and time deprived lives.

If you are a student of the Gospel of Matthew buy this book.

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