

The image shows the spine of an old, thick book with many pages, bound in dark brown leather. The book is positioned on the left side of the frame, with its spine facing right. The pages are aged and yellowed, and the leather shows signs of wear and tear. The background is a dark, solid color, possibly black or dark brown, which makes the book and the text stand out.

# Matthew's Messiah

*The life and ministry of Jesus  
from Matthew's perspective*

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. <sup>6</sup> Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel.

<sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim this message:  
'The kingdom of heaven has come  
near.'<sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, raise the dead,  
cleansse those who have leprosy, drive  
out demons. Freely you have received;  
freely give.

9 “Do not get any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts—<sup>10</sup> no bag for the journey or extra shirt or sandals or a staff, for the worker is worth his keep.

<sup>11</sup> Whatever town or village you enter, search there for some worthy person and stay at their house until you leave. <sup>12</sup> As you enter the home, give it your greeting.

<sup>13</sup> If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup> If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and shake the dust off your feet.

15 Truly I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

16 “I am sending you out like sheep  
among wolves. Therefore be as  
shrewd as snakes and as  
innocent as doves.



17 Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues.

18 On my account you will be brought  
before governors and kings as  
witnesses to them  
and to the Gentiles.

<sup>19</sup> But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, <sup>20</sup> for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

21 “Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death.

22 You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

<sup>23</sup> When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

24 “The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. 25 It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters.

If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!



26 “So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known.

<sup>27</sup> What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs.

<sup>28</sup> Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.

Rather, be afraid of the One who can  
destroy both soul and body in hell.

<sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. <sup>30</sup> And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

<sup>31</sup> So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.



Everything you do today  
puts God on full display.