



# LIFE OF PROMISE

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

A landscape photograph featuring rolling green hills under a cloudy sky. A faint, multi-layered rainbow is visible in the upper portion of the image. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent green circular area in the center.

# Promises Made, Promises Kept

Matthew 3:1-17

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Prophecies - God has declared in advance, events that He will cause and they have come true.

Healing – God/Jesus speaks words of physical, emotional, relational restoration and it happens.

Title (if desired)

God's unchanging character - He reveals His attributes and He never expresses Himself contrary to them.

Living with eternity in mind - God gives enduring wisdom to guide us on earth because what we do echoes for eternity.

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**Matthew 1:20-21** “...behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

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**21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”**

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**Matthew 1:22-23** All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 23 “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

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**Matthew 5:17-18 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.”**



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**Matthew 3:1-3** In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 2 “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

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**3 For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,  
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‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’ ”**

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Isaiah 40:3 A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

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**Matthew 3:4 Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him,**

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**6 and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.**

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**Matthew 11:13-15 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, 14 and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. 15 He who has ears to hear, let him hear.**

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**Malachi 4:5 “...turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, 17 and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.”**



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**Matthew 3:7-10** But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.

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**9 And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.**

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**10 Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.**

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**11 “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**

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**12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”**

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**Matthew 3:13-17** Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. 14 John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” 15 But Jesus answered him,

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**15 “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. 16 And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold,**

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the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; 17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”



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**Application 2 – What is something you want to promise God and keep that promise?**