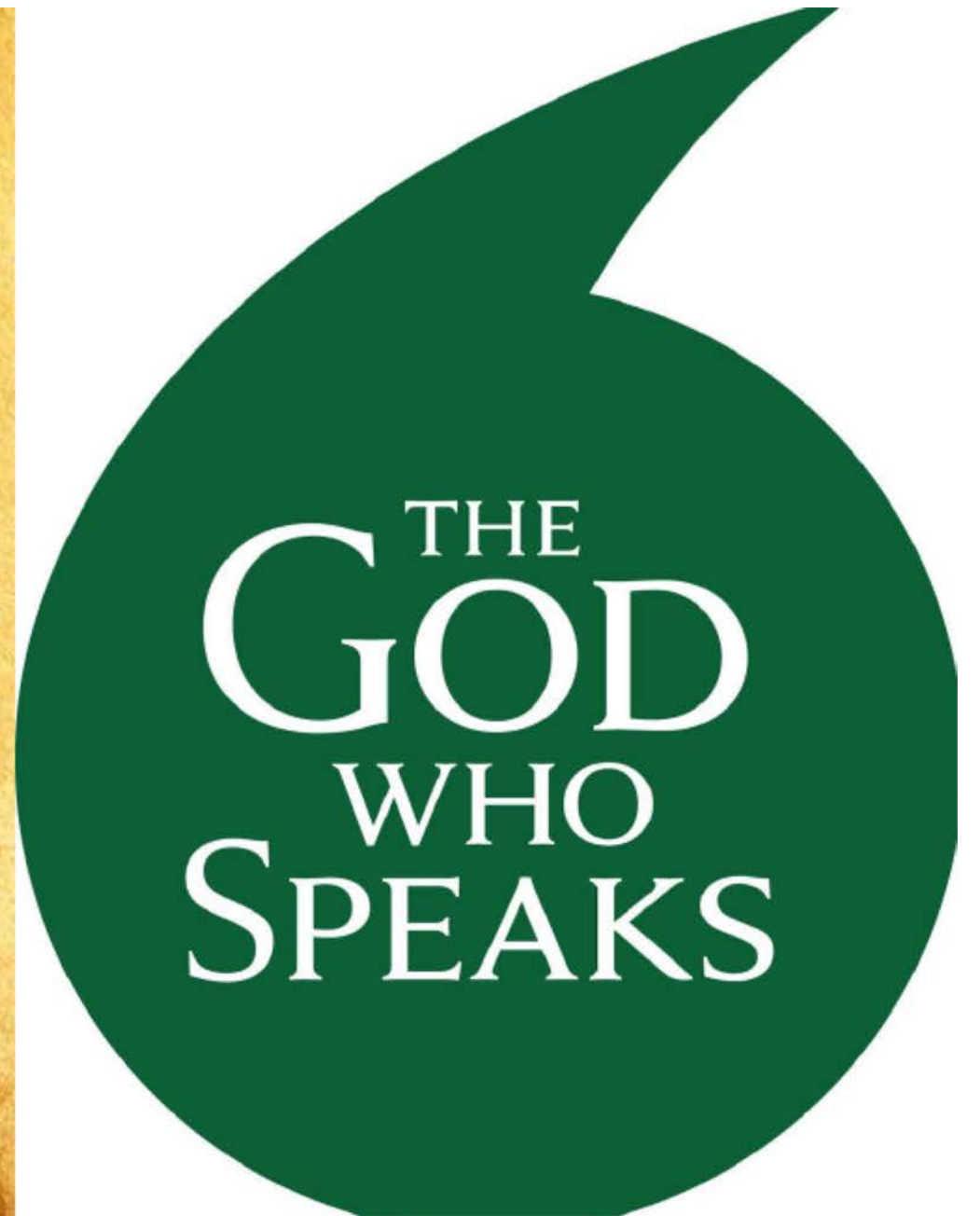


The God Who
Speaks:
The Year of the
Word

30th September 2019 – 31st
December 2020



This year has been designated as 'The God Who Speaks - The Year of the Word'.

There will also be a specific focus on
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St. Matthew's Gospel.



OFFICIAL PRAYER FOR THE YEAR

Living God,
you walk alongside us and
speak to us throughout the Scriptures.

Your Son, Jesus Christ,
listens to our hopes and fears
and shows us how to live for one another.

Send us the Holy Spirit
to open our hearts and minds
so that we may be your witnesses
throughout the world.

AMEN

V. Your word is our path and your truth is our light.
R. This day and every day.

Our Lady of the Annunciation

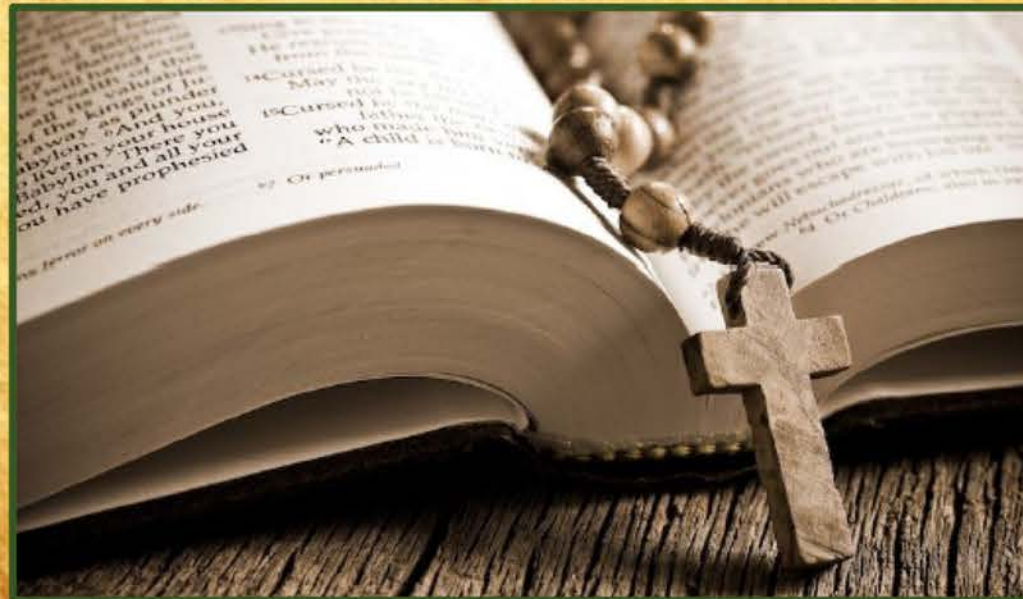
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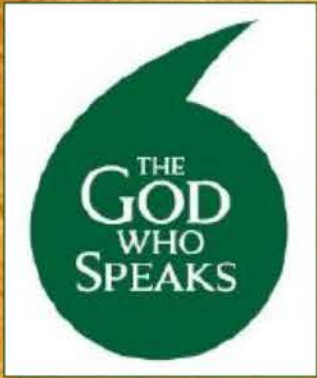
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The aim of The God Who Speaks - The Year of
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‘Celebrating, Living and Sharing
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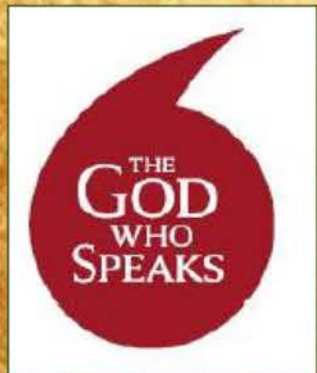




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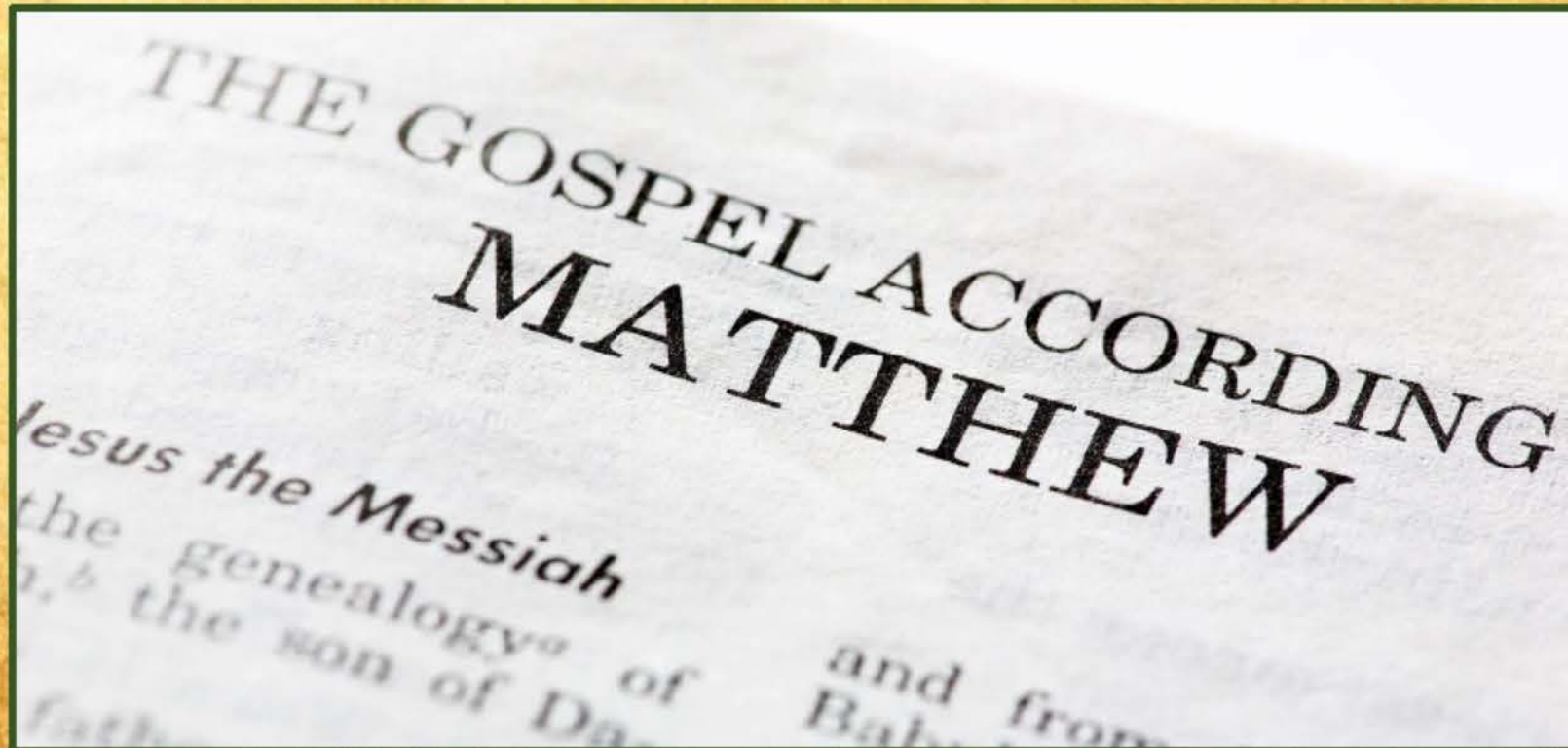
Living



Sharing



During this very special year we will have the opportunity to celebrate, live and share in the joy of scripture, and in particular the good news of Matthew's gospel.



Fun Bible Facts



Over 100 million copies
of the Bible are sold
each year!



The word 'bible' is from the Greek *ta biblia*, which means 'the scrolls' or 'the books'. The word is derived from the ancient city of Byblos, which was the official supplier of paper products to the ancient world.



The full Bible has been translated into 532 languages.

It has been partially translated into 2,883 languages.



The Bible was written by people from many different occupations.

Parts of the Bible were written by **kings**. Half of the Psalms, a good chunk of Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes were written by royalty.



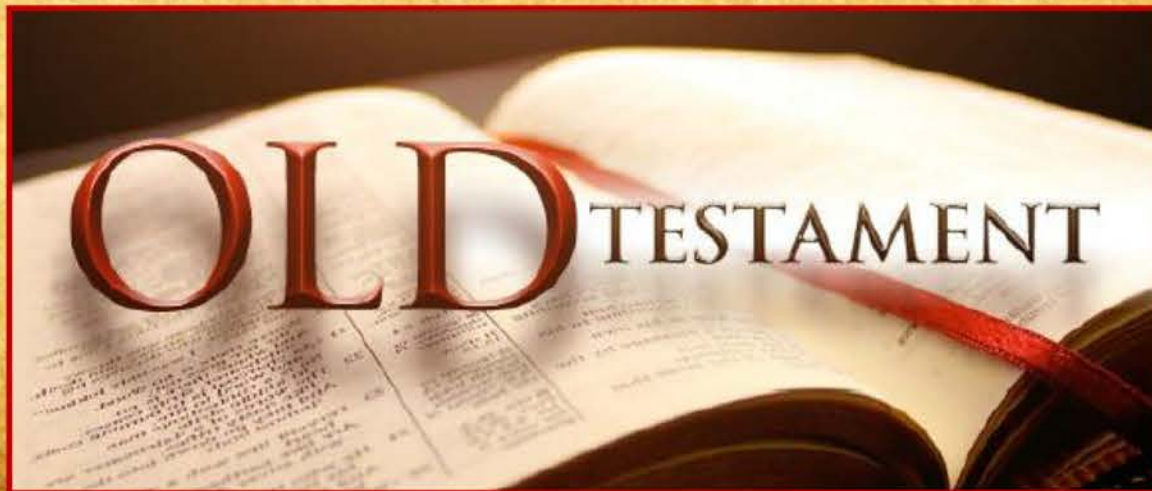
But other parts of the Bible are written by farmers, fishermen, a tentmaker, homeless prophets, a doctor, a professional scribe, musicians, pastors and many more besides!



The Bible is split into two 'sections':

- The Old Testament
- The New Testament

There are 46 books in the Old Testament...



The Old Testament



... and 27 books in the New Testament.

**INTRODUCTION TO THE
NEW TESTAMENT**



... and here they are!



Making a total of how many
books altogether in the Bible?

73!



The shortest book of the Bible

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is **3 John**.

You can read this book in about
one minute!

The book right before it, **2
John**, is the second-shortest
book of the Bible.



The longest word in the Bible is
‘Mahershalalhashbaz’

(Isaiah 8:3)



The Bible was written in three languages!

Those languages are Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek.

Most of our Old Testament was written in Hebrew,

which was the language the original readers

spoke. A few bits of the Old Testament were

written Aramaic (looking at you, Ezra and Daniel).

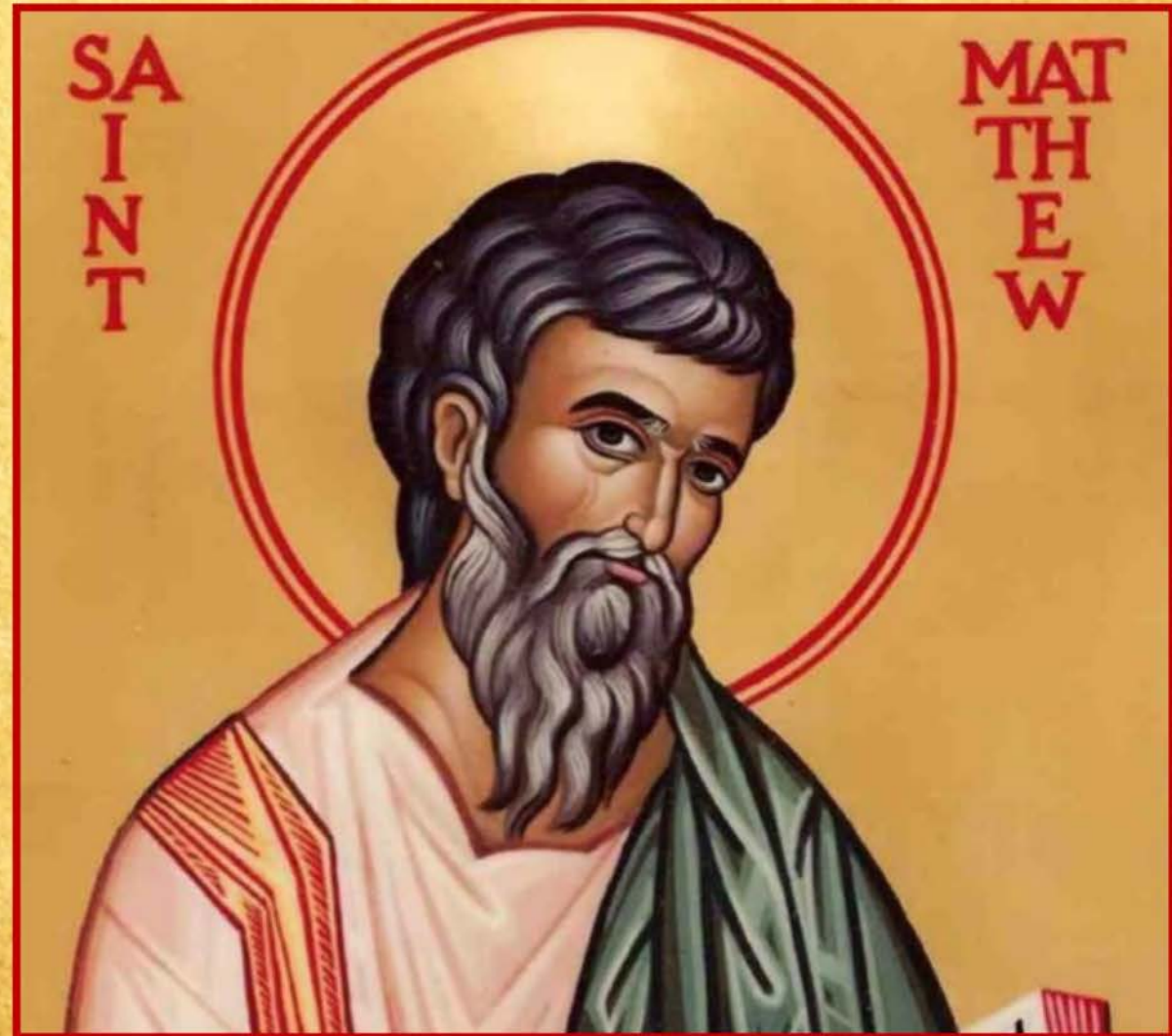
The New Testament was written in Greek, the

commonly-spoken language of the time.



Matthew the Gospel Writer

The Year of the Word will focus on the Gospel of Matthew which will start to be read at the beginning of Advent on 1st December 2019.



The Prologue and Jesus' Birth and Significance

CHAPTER 1:18-25
The Nativity

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel.

CHAPTER 2:1-12
Three Wise Men

CHAPTER 3:13-17
John Baptizes Jesus

Always treat others as you would like them to treat you.

CHAPTER 4:18-22
Simon Peter, Andrew, James & Judas

CHAPTER 5:3-12
The Beatitudes

CHAPTER 6:9-15
The Lord's Prayer

CHAPTER 7:7-12
The Golden Rule

Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me.

CHAPTER 8:28-34
Miracle of the Gadarene Pig

The Kingdom of Heaven is Announced

Signs of the Kingdom

The Mystery of the Kingdom of Heaven

The Church, the first fruits of the Kingdom of Heaven

CHAPTER 17:1-9
Jesus is Transfigured

CHAPTER 18:10-14
The Lost Sheep

CHAPTER 16:15-20
Jesus Asks the Disciples 'Who do you say I am?'

CHAPTER 15:22-28
The Daughter is Healed

CHAPTER 13:1-12
Feeding the Five Thousand

Where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them.

I speak to you in parables.

CHAPTER 9:27-31
Jesus Heals the Blind Man

CHAPTER 10:5-15
Jesus Sends His Disciples

CHAPTER 13:31-33
Parable of the Mustard Seed

CHAPTER 12:40-42
Death & Resurrection

CHAPTER 11:28-30
Come to Me All Who Are Weary

The Coming of the Kingdom of Heaven

JOURNEY WITH MATTHEW

Love God and love your neighbour as yourself.

And know that I am with you always to the end of time.

The Passion and Resurrection

CHAPTER 19:13-15
Jesus Blesses the Little Children

CHAPTER 20:20-28
Mother of the Sons of Zebedee

CHAPTER 21:1-11
The Entry into Jerusalem

CHAPTER 22:1-14
Parable of the Wedding Feast

CHAPTER 23:13-35
Jesus Denounces the Hypocrites

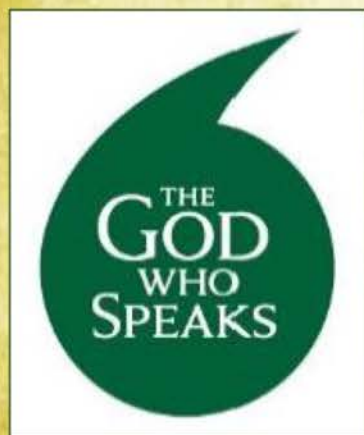
CHAPTER 24:29-31
The Coming of the Son of Man

CHAPTER 25:1-13
Parable of the Bridesmaids

CHAPTER 26:26-29
Jesus and the Eucharist

CHAPTER 27:32-44
Jesus is Crucified and Buried

CHAPTER 28:1-10
Women Find the Empty Tomb



Celebrating Living Sharing

