

Matthew Pacing Schedule – 13 Weeks

Many churches plan their curriculum by the quarter, so I've created a 13-week pacing schedule below on how to teach the entire book of Matthew in 13 weeks. Please note that this leaves very little time for discussion of the various topics and stories within it, and the teacher will need to move quickly each week to cover the material.

Week 1 – Introduction + Matthew 1-2

Matthew's opening chapters establish Jesus as Messiah, King, and fulfillment of prophecy

Week 2 – Matthew 3-4

These chapters introduce the King and prepare for His public ministry

Week 3 – Matthew 5-7

This is Matthew's first major teaching block (the Sermon on the Mount)

Week 4 – Matthew 8-10

Shows Jesus's authority and the expansion of His ministry

Week 5 – Matthew 11-12

These chapters mark a major shift in public response to Jesus

Week 6 – Matthew 13

While only 1 chapter, this teaching section is centered on the nature of God's Kingdom

Week 7 – Matthew 14-16

Covers some of Jesus's most well-known miracles and culminates in the pivotal confession that Jesus is the Christ

Week 8 – Matthew 17-18

This section focuses on discipleship and kingdom relationships

Week 9 – Matthew 19-20

We see Kingdom values contrasted with worldly thinking in this section

Week 10 – Matthew 21-23

Jesus openly confronts Israel's leadership and we prepare for His crucifixion

Week 11 – Matthew 24-25

A major prophetic and practical teaching section that is very misunderstood

Week 12 – Matthew 26-27

The climax of Matthew's Gospel, with the Last Supper and crucifixion

Week 13 – Matthew 28

The culmination of Jesus's mission and the call to discipleship

Matthew Pacing Schedule – 26 Weeks (Recommended)

Teaching the book of Matthew through 2 quarters (half a year) is more ideal and allows for more discussion and a more thorough examination of the work that Matthew put together. It allows for a slower-paced 1 chapter a week series rather than the 2 or 3 necessary in the 13-week schedule.

Week 1 – Introductory Material
Week 2 – Matthew 1
Week 3 – Matthew 2
Week 4 – Matthew 3
Week 5 – Matthew 4
Week 6 – Matthew 5
Week 7 – Matthew 6
Week 8 – Matthew 7
Week 9 – Matthew 8
Week 10 – Matthew 9
Week 11 – Matthew 10
Week 12 – Matthew 11
Week 13 – Matthew 12
Week 14 – Matthew 13
Week 15 – Matthew 14
Week 16 – Matthew 15
Week 17 – Matthew 16
Week 18 – Matthew 17-18
Week 19 – Matthew 19-20
Week 20 – Matthew 21
Week 21 – Matthew 22
Week 22 – Matthew 23
Week 23 – Matthew 24
Week 24 – Matthew 25
Week 25 – Matthew 26-27
Week 26 – Matthew 28 + Review

Alternately, you could teach the introductory material and chapter 1 in Week 1, and then have 1 week for each of chapters 26 and 27.