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Worship in the Gospel of Matthew

Events

The magi worship (*proskyneō*) Jesus as one born King of the Jews (2:11; cf. 2:2).

A leper worships (*proskyneō*) Jesus, desiring to be cleansed (8:2).

Crowds glorify (*doxazō*) God after Jesus heals a paralytic (9:8).

A ruler worships (*proskyneō*) Jesus, wanting him to restore his daughter to life (9:18).

Jesus gives thanks (*exomologeō*) to the Father for revealing to infants what is hidden from the wise and understanding (11:25).

Disciples worship (*proskyneō*) Jesus as the Son of God (14:33).

A Canaanite woman worships (*proskyneō*) Jesus and asks him to heal her daughter (15:25).

A crowd glorifies (*doxazō*) the God of Israel after Jesus heals many people (15:31).

In a parable told by Jesus, a slave worships (*proskyneō*) his king and asks for patience in payment of debts (18:26).

The mother of James and John worships (*proskyneō*) Jesus and requests special positions for her sons (20:20–21).

Children offer Jesus praise (*ainos*) as the Son of David in the temple
(21:15–16).

Two women worship (*proskyneō*) the risen Jesus (28:9).

The disciples worship (*proskyneō*) the risen Jesus (28:17).

Also:

Herod falsely promises to worship (*proskyneō*) Jesus (2:8).

Jesus refuses the temptation to worship (*proskyneō*) Satan (4:9–10).

Sayings

Jesus quotes Scripture to Satan: “Worship [*proskyneō*] the Lord your
God and serve [*latreuō*] only him” (4:10).

Jesus tells his disciples: “Let your light shine before others, so that
they may see your good works and glorify [*doxazō*] your Father in
heaven” (5:16).

Jesus applies to religious leaders the Scripture that says, “This
people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship [*sebomai*] me, teaching human precepts
as doctrines” (15:8–9).