Commentaries and Expositions of Scripture are so numerous in the present day, that I feel it necessary to say The Gospel of Matthew begins with a long list of names. Mark how king Herod sends to inquire of the priests and elders where the Christ would be born.
Matthew is listed first of the gospels in the Bible to make the transition from the Old Testament. That part of the Bible ends with the minor prophet Malachi. God was silent for 400 years during the Intertestamental Period. Then John the Baptist appeared on the scene. He is known as the transitional prophet who shows up in the Gospel of Matthew. That's why Matthew is listed before Mark that was written first. Gospel of Matthew | Source. Gospel of Matthew. Readers can understand the Gospel of Matthew better when they know the following characteristics of the book containing 28 chapters. The Gospel of Matthew was written by a Jew to the Jews about Jesus Christ who was a Jew. Therefore, there will be a lot of Jewish customs. Jesus is referred to as the "King of the Jews." Gospel originally meant the Christian message itself, but in the 2nd century it came to be used for the books in which the message was set out. The four canonical gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John—were probably written between AD 66 and 110, building on older sources and traditions, and each gospel has its own distinctive understanding of Jesus and his divine role. All four are anonymous (the modern names were added in the 2nd century), and it is almost certain that none were written by an