

A large, full-canopied tree with dense green foliage stands on a grassy hill. The sky is a vibrant blue with wispy white clouds. The text 'The Ecosystem of God's Kingdom' is written in a white, cursive font across the middle of the tree's canopy.

The Ecosystem of God's Kingdom





1. Yahweh directs

2. Yahweh appoints

3. People are deeply moved to
contribute by God's Spirit

Big Structures

LITERARY OUTLINE OF MATTHEW'S GOSPEL – CHRISTOPHER SMITH (NTS, 1997)

INTRODUCTION	Genealogy (1:1-17)	
THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE KINGDOM	First Narrative (1:18-4:25)	First Discourse (5:1-7:29)
THE MISSION OF THE KINGDOM	Second Narrative (8:1-9:38)	Second Discourse (10:1-42)
THE MYSTERY OF THE KINGDOM	Third Narrative (11:1-13:9)	Third Discourse (13:10-53)
THE FAMILY OF THE KINGDOM	Fourth Narrative (13:54-17:27)	Fourth Discourse (18:1-35)
THE DESTINY OF THE KINGDOM	Fifth Narrative (19:1-23:29)	Fifth Discourse (24:1-25:46)
CONCLUSION	Passion Narrative (26:1-28:20)	

The Ecosystem of God's Kingdom: The Mission

(Matthew 8-10)

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve (Matthew 10)

10 Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

2 These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

5 These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. 6 Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. 7 As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

2 “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. 33 But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

37 “Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38 Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

40 “Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. 41 Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. 42 And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”