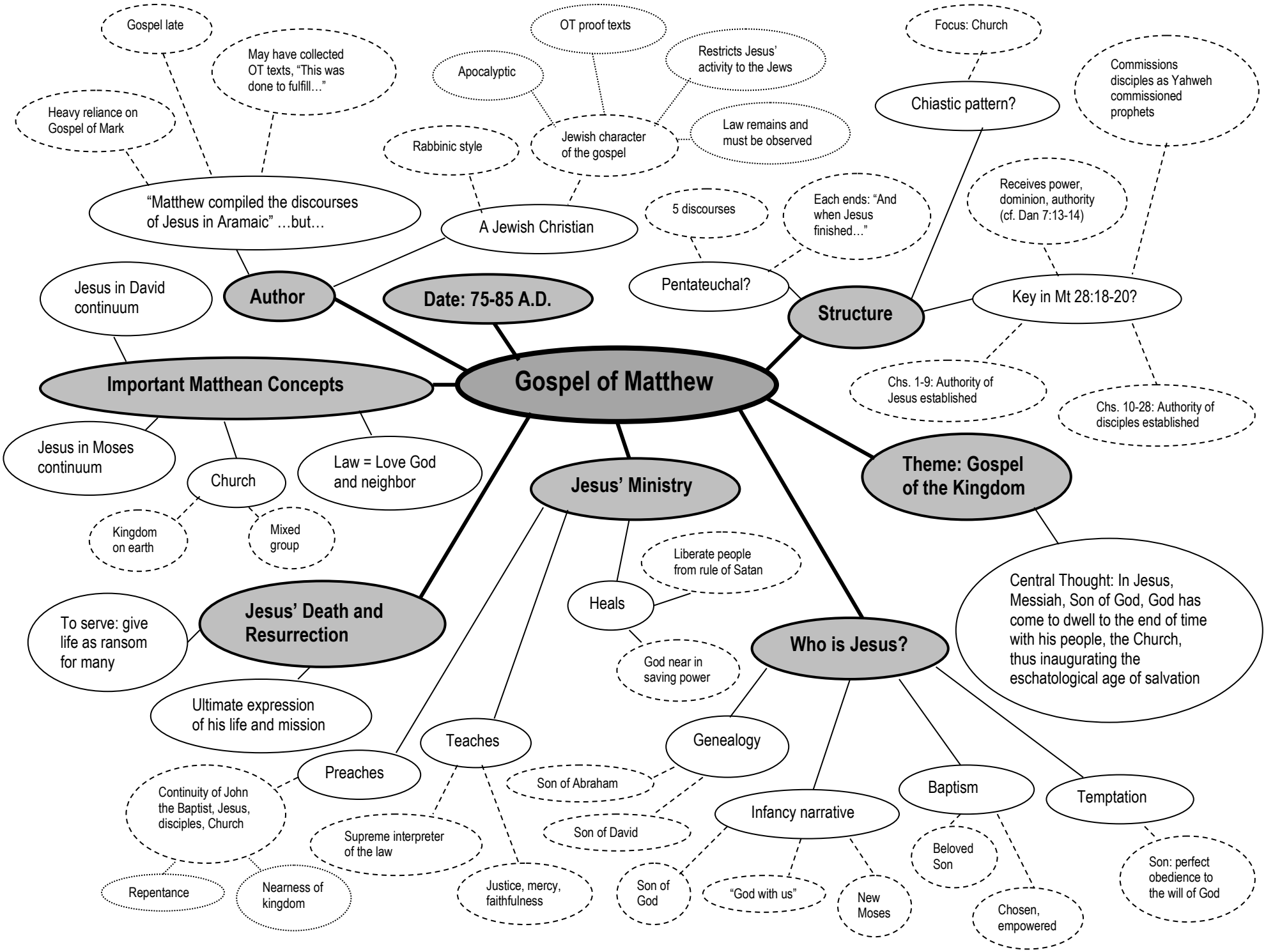
Gospel of Matthew
Author
"Matthew compiled the discourses of Jesus in Aramaic" …but…
Gospel late
May have collected OT texts, "This was done to fulfill…"
Heavy reliance on Gospel of Mark
A Jewish Christian
Rabbinic style
Jewish character of the gospel
Apocalyptic
OT proof texts
Restricts Jesus' activity to the Jews
Law remains and must be observed
Jesus in David continuum
Date: 75-85 A.D.
Structure
Pentateuchal?
5 discourses
Each ends: "And when Jesus finished…"
Chiastic pattern?
Focus: Church
Receives power, dominion, authority (cf. Dan 7:13-14)
Commissions disciples as Yahweh commissioned prophets
Key in Mt 28:18-20?
Chs. 1-9: Authority of Jesus established
Chs. 10-28: Authority of disciples established
Important Matthean Concepts
Jesus in Moses continuum
Church
Kingdom on earth
Mixed group
Law = Love God and neighbor
Jesus' Ministry
Theme: Gospel of the Kingdom
Central Thought: In Jesus, Messiah, Son of God, God has come to dwell to the end of time with his people, the Church, thus inaugurating the eschatological age of salvation
Jesus' Death and Resurrection
To serve: give life as ransom for many
Ultimate expression of his life and mission
Heals
Liberate people from rule of Satan
God near in saving power
Who is Jesus?
Teaches
Preaches
Continuity of John the Baptist, Jesus, disciples, Church
Repentance
Nearness of kingdom
Supreme interpreter of the law
Justice, mercy, faithfulness
Genealogy
Son of Abraham
Son of David
Son of God
Infancy narrative
"God with us"
New Moses
Baptism
Beloved Son
Chosen, empowered
Temptation
Son: perfect obedience to the will of God