

The King Has Come

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The Long Expected King

The Gospel of Matthew

Key Information:

- Matthew (Levi)
- Tax collector
- Became a disciple
- Little is known of him
- 1st book of the NT because of how it bridges OT/NT
- His gospel was written to the Jews to demonstrate the Messianic identity of Christ (i.e. He is the saviour).
- He wanted to show that Jesus was the fulfillment of the prophetic promises of God in the O.T. who brought the kingdom of God to earth.
- He wanted to reveal Jesus as King and Lord.
- Matthew begins with a Genealogy of 42 generations starting back in Genesis with Abraham.

Matthew 1:1 (ESV) The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

GOD IS FAITHFUL

Abraham:

- God makes His first major covenant with Him (Abrahamic Covenant)
- Approx. 2000 years before Jesus

Genesis 12:1-3 (ESV) Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

Genesis 12:7 (ESV) Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

Galatians 3:5-9 (ESV) 5 Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith— 6 just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”? 7 Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” 9 So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

Galatians 3:16 (ESV) Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ.

- Jesus has always been the one promised, the one we are waiting for, the one who redeems us.

Son of David:

- God makes a covenant with David regarding the building of the temple
- Prophecy

2 Samuel 7:12-16 (ESV) 12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, 15 but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. 16 And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

- This prophecy has dual fulfillment.
- It is fulfilled in Solomon but ultimately Jesus.

Fulfillment:

- Be a son to me – Jesus the son of God, son of man.
- Build me a place to dwell – the dwelling of God is with his people.

- Build a house for my name – you are the temple of the Holy Spirit
- His throne shall be established forever – **Revelation 11:15 (ESV)** Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.”
- 2 Samuel 7:14&15 can be difficult at a glance.
- “Jesus never sinned”

Isaiah 53:4-6 (ESV) 4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

By tracing Jesus’ lineage to David, Matthew establishes His legal right to the throne and identifies Him as the promised King.

By tracing it to Abraham, Matthew establishes that He is the one Abraham was waiting for; the Messiah.

Galatians 3:26 & 29 (ESV) 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.