



MATTHEW

The Prophecy Fulfilled

Matthew's Gospel



- What is special about this Gospel: (37-50 AD)
 - Written to a JEWISH mind, culture, background...
 - Sermons/Teachings of the Rabbi: THE Messiah! “fulfillment”
 - TOPICAL arrangement of material, not chronological
 - 60% spoken word of Christ recorded (2nd highest, John is 90%)
 - Most direct quotes from OT, 53 plus 76 allusions...
 - The Kingdom of God/Heaven

Matthew (Levi)-



- One of the 12 apostles, eye witness!
 - Left all to follow Jesus – (Matthew 9:9-17; Luke 5:27-28)
 - From Galilee – Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip and Nathaniel (Bartholomew) – possibly others...!
 - He was a “chief collector”, Roman collaborator!
 - Details would be part of his nature

Up to now...



- Matthew has:
 - Recorded the genealogy of Joseph, simplified (Ch. 1)
 - Recorded the pregnancy and birth of Jesus (Ch. 1,2)
 - Herod's attempt on His life... (Ch.2)
 - John the Baptist's coming and message... (Ch. 3)
 - H.S. leading Jesus into the wilderness – See 4:17

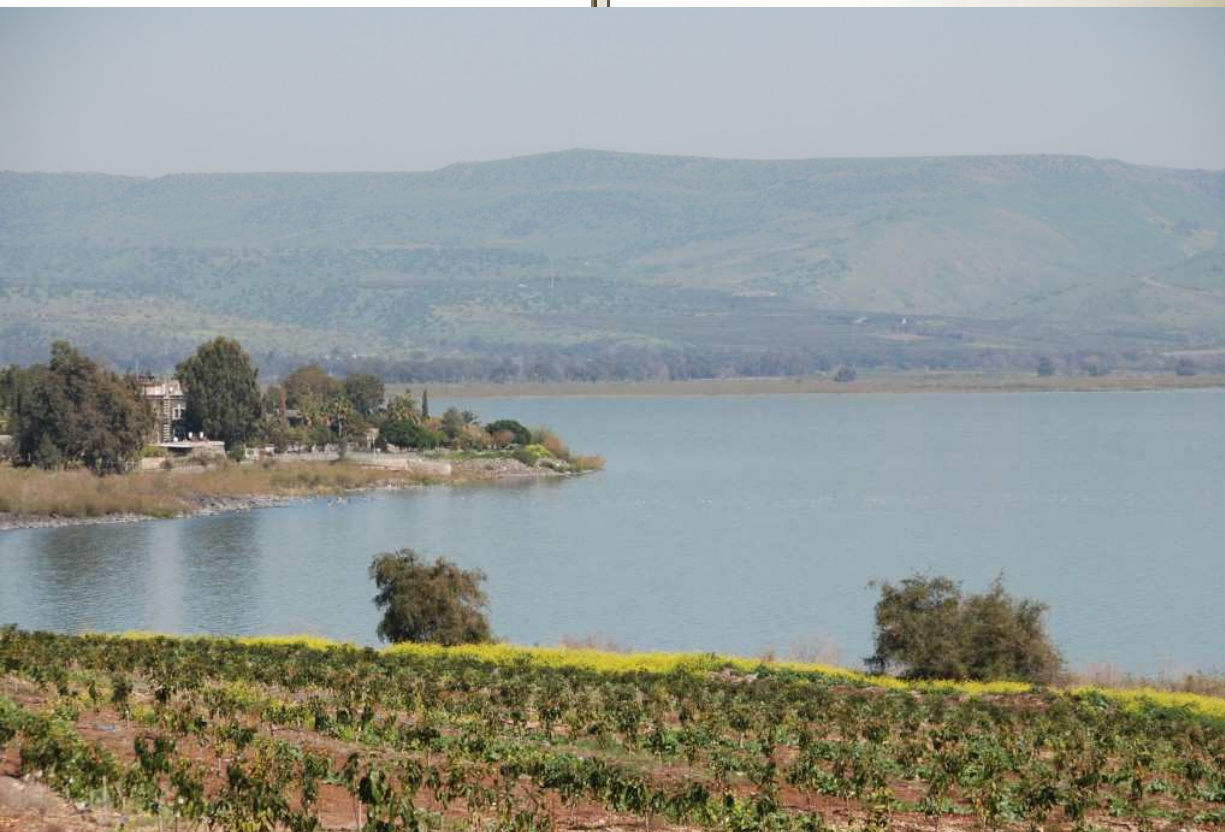
Sermon of the Mount



- Chapter 5-7

- Most focused teaching of Christ: Call of the Kingdom!
- Many teaching of Christ gathered here for focus
- Jesus re-emphasizes the Law, “but I say to you...”
- Love, righteousness, relationships
- Hear my words and act on them... (Ch.7:24-27)
- “as *one* having authority”!

THE GALILEE REGION



After the Sermon...



- Jesus immediately begins to work the Father's work...
- Healing # 1 ~ a leper??? Most terrible disease...
 - Outcast of society, no rabbi would go near one!
 - If you are willing...
 - Jesus does what only God could do, heal leprosy
 - Jesus proclaims Himself MESSIAH ~ cleansed!!!

The Jesus Style...



- What response would people have to this cleansing?
 - He knew the impact of what He had done!
 - Go to the priests... present offering... testify to them!!!
 - Jesus is following the Law, and fulfilling it!
- Capernaum is the next stop...
 - Very prestigious city at the north of the Sea of Galilee

Roman Centurion???



- First a leper, then a ROMAN?
 - What do these things say about Jesus ministry?
 - H.S. / Matthew has a purpose in this...
 - Jews would see these 2 as the worst of society...
 - Living out the Gospel means reaching these...