

Matthew: Jesus is King of Kings

The Son of David, The Son of Abraham

Matthew 1:1-17

Do you pay attention to the news?

What topics are you interested in? Sports? Gossip? Finance? World Events? Local?

Those in power thrive on the people being uninformed.

Or worse yet, misinformed

Disinformation and misinformation are powerful tools of espionage, warfare, and governmental control - both in the physical and spiritual realms

“The truth will set you free” - Jesus

What do you think of when you hear the term Good News?

Is there even such a thing in our day and age?

Maybe we've grown numb, and it's just a saying “Good News” the Gospel

But what's it really saying?

That in this awful world, in lives weighed down, enslaved to sin and vice and struggle. Full of lies, deception, control, slavery, rich and poor, war, famine, disease - that there is hope.

There is a way. There is truth.

All those who seek the truth will eventually come face to face with Jesus. There's no way around it.

My own pursuit of truth

Celebrities talking about Jesus, even turning to follow Him.

I believe we're seeing the seeds of revival...not of society, but of the true church.

The last days Philadelphian church - weak, but full of God's love and truth

As pilate says before the crucifixion - VERITUS EST? What is truth?

The Bible

66 books, over 40 authors, written over 1500 years.

New Testament - New Covenant

Old Covenant Law animal sacrifice looking forward to the, New Covenant - sacrifice of Jesus

No coincidence that the NT starts out with the Gospels

The Gospels

Four Accounts - Matthew, Mark (Peter's), Luke's and John's
Acts is Luke Part 2

"Theology, not Journalism"

[Jhn 21:25 NKJV] 25 And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

- Matthew and Mark written first, then Luke, then John
- MML - synoptic, cover same material
- MM&J written by eyewitnesses, Jews
- Luke a gentile, by research and being around and experiencing the truth for himself
- **Matthew** - Jesus - King of the Jews, Emphasis on Teachings, Jesus Fulfills Law & Prophets
- **Mark** - Jesus - Suffering Servant, His Authority, His Work Declared, Potential source for Matthew and Luke (Matthew doesn't come around for a few chapters)
- **Luke** - Jesus - Savior For All (Luke Gentile) - Educational and orderly in timeline
- **John** - Jesus is God - Written so that people would believe, mostly unique, focus on signs/statements, and love (For God So Loved The World)

DGC - German papyrus expert Carsten Thiede (in December 1994) suggests that we actually possess copies of Matthew that date close to the very time of Jesus.

[Mat 16:13-18 NKJV] 13 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" 14 So they said, "Some [say] John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed [this] to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

We look to the gospels to get four accounts - not just by the authors

But by many disciples, many people touched by Jesus, many events showing who He is.

Because it's the foundation of our faith.

If we don't know who Jesus is, we can't truly come to know Him. Our relationship with Him must

be built on who He is, what He said, and what He did. Otherwise, it doesn't work. It's not saving faith.

[Jhn 14:6-11 NKJV] 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. 7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." 8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own [authority]; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. 11 "Believe Me that I [am] in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

Matthew (or Levi) - we'll meet him in a few chapters, but he was a tax collector (hated, sold out his fellow Jews to the Romans, rich, well connected) - **but He gave it all up when he met the Truth**

[Pray]

1:1

The importance of the genealogy

We tend to take our families for granted in modern, western society

Not so in other places - Asia, say last name first

Not so in history - even though our family name "last names" are a relatively modern invention

Genealogies established who you were in family and society

Especially for Kings - *we love stories of kings, LOTR, King Arthur, Medieval times & castles, but the modern world is mostly separated from monarchies in the west.*

Queen Elizabeth - King Charles - Prince William, son of Diana and Kate in line - but parliament does all the real governing - I have to wonder, does most of the church behave that way, too? Jesus is King, but the church makes most of the decisions without His authority and input?

The Book of the Generation

Word is Genesis

ource, origin

a book of one's lineage, i.e. in which his ancestry or progeny are enumerated

used of birth, nativity

of that which follows origin, viz. existence, life

the wheel of life (Jas 3:6), other explain it, the wheel of human origin which as soon as men are born begins to run, i.e. its course of life

Jesus was always destined to be King. He was born into this World for divine purpose, determined before the world began. It was no accident. It was not just a reaction to our fall. It is the bedrock of eternity itself.

There's a lot we can learn from the Genealogy, but we're going to focus on a few key players

The Son of David

(said first on purpose IMO)

David - beloved - Shepherd Boy, passed over by his own father, Chosen King by heavenly Father

"A man after God's own heart"

Big failure, but also big faith and big forgiveness and big favor

King, promise of a throne - The Davidic Covenant 2 Sam 7

Yahweh's kingship must be first provided for before the question of Israel's can be taken up. Only when such an acknowledgement of Yahweh's rule has been made may the possibility of a firmly established Israelite royal line be discussed.

<https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/davidic-covenant-unfolding-biblical-eschatology>

[2Sa 7:16 NKJV] 16 "And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever." ' "

The Son of Abraham

Abram - Ur of the Chaldees "Exalted Father" - with no kids

Father of the Jewish Nation (and the Ishmaelites) - still struggling today, even on our college campuses

Abraham - "Father of a Multitude"

[Gal 3:5-9 NKJV] 5 Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, [does He do it] by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?-- 6 just as Abraham "believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." 7 Therefore know that [only] those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, [saying], "In you all the nations shall be blessed." 9 So then those who [are] of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

The scripture establishes that Jesus is a child in line for the throne by both physical and spiritual birthright

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Jacob begot Judah and his brothers

Juden WW2 - where we get the word Jew/Jewish from

Boaz by Rahab - Walls of Jericho, Prostitute running a brother - comes to fear God and be grafted into the kingly line

Boaz Marries Ruth - Naomi's son's foreign wife, makes God her God

-> Obed - > Jesse -> David

Already we're seeing God make a nation out of a pagan nation (Ur, Chaldees)

Bring the lowest, immoral part of society into the line of Jesus

Bring foreigners in through grace and faith

The gospel is already being told

This is History - all of history is HIS Story

Can't wait to tell it!

Talking about his Son in whom he's well pleased

God wants to fulfill his promises. Especially to us.

He's most passionate about his son and his son is passionate about saving us

This is the story God wants to tell

Every theological detail is important but God with Us is the message.

Get to talk about what we like and we'll go on and on for hours

Talking about what we love who we love

Solomon

Uriah not forgotten - righteous man included, David's sin covered but facts are still facts

:7-16

Josiah - boy king, scriptures rediscovered and read to all, tears down high places

Joseph - husband of Mary

Although Jesus wasn't Joseph's son by birth, he was a part of the kingly line

Mary was also descended from David as well - so by father and mother, Jesus is in the line

We don't know what happened to Joseph, but his honorable actions and obedience were used to protect Jesus and cover Mary

Who is called Christ

Anointed

Messiah means anointed one

The one foretold, promised.

Over 300 prophecies, he fulfills all

Mathematician Peter Stoner counted the probability of one person fulfilling even a small number of them. And he concluded, the chance of a single man fulfilling "just" 48 of the prophecies found in the Tanakh (Old Testament) would be one in (10 followed by 157 zeros)!

"...we take 10^{17} silver dollars and lay them on the face of Texas. They will cover the state two feet deep. Now mark one of these silver dollars and stir the whole mass thoroughly. Blindfold a man and tell him that he must pick up one silver dollar and say that this is the right one. What chance would he have of getting the right one?"

"Just the same chance that the prophets would have had of writing just eight prophecies and having them all come true in any one man, from their day to the present time, providing they wrote in their own wisdom... This means that the fulfillment of just eight prophecies alone proves that God inspired the writing of those [eight] prophecies to a definiteness which lacks only one chance in 10^{17} of being absolute."

1:48 is something like the same example in the size of the solar system

All is a number more than the number of atoms in the universe

Even Math believes in Jesus

[Dan 9:24-26 NKJV] 24 "Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy. 25 "Know therefore and understand, [That] from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, [There shall be] seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times. 26 "And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it [shall be] with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

Precise timing of Jesus' arrival

Weeks of Years, last week left off - the Great Tribulation prior to His Second Coming

<https://reasons.org/explore/publications/articles/was-jesus-s-arrival-accurately-predicted-in-the-bible>

$(7 \times 7) + (62 \times 7) = 49 + 434 = 483$ years.

Decree of Persian king Artaxerxes to Nehemiah to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem on March 5 of 444 BC (Nehemiah 2:1–8).

Ancient calendars slightly different in ours, but conversions are accurate and account for time - math adds up to...

The arrival is the Triumphal Entry (week before Crucifixion)

Monday, March 30, AD 33.

BC/AD split - Jesus likely born a few years before or after 1AD

Side note - Before Christ / After Christ, Before Common Era, After Common Era - foolish, still same calendar. The Bible talks about dates and times being changed in the end days, expect time to restart under the NWO Antichrist - but we won't be here - Dictators NK dates from KJI. Dynasties of old using dynasties for calendars

Current Hebrew Year they say is 5784

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14 Generations - Abraham to David, Founding to Kingly Line

14 Generations - David to Captivity in Babylon (because of their continued disobedience)

14 Generations - Captivity to Christ

Here Matthew made it clear that this genealogy is not complete. There were not actually fourteen generations between the points indicated, but Matthew edited the list to make it easy to remember and memorize.

i. For example, Matthew 1:8 says Joram begot Uzziah. This was Uzziah, King of Judah, who was struck with leprosy for daring to enter the temple as a priest to offer incense (2 Chronicles 26:16-21). Uzziah was not the immediate son of Joram; there were three kings between them (Ahaziah, Joash, and Amaziah). Yet as Clarke rightly says, "It is observed that omissions of this kind are not uncommon in the Jewish genealogies."

b. So all the generations: The practice of skipping generations at times was common in the listing of ancient genealogies. Matthew did nothing unusual by leaving some generations out.

Matthew gives Joseph's Genealogy

Luke gives Mary's

Both proving Jesus was heir to David's throne

Two lines - DGC - Joseph's line went through Solomon (and therefore Jehoakim, the cursed one). Jesus was the legal son of Joseph, but not the blood son of Joseph – so the curse on Jehoakim did not affect him. Joseph did not contribute any of the "blood" of Jesus, but he did contribute his legal standing as a descendant of the royal line to Jesus. Mary's line – the blood line of Jesus – did not go through Solomon, but through a different son of David, named Nathan (Luke 3:31). Mary was therefore not part of that blood curse on the line of Jehoiakim.

**Sin nature passed on through the father
Jesus Father was not sinful, His Father is God
But His humanity came through his mom**

[Gen 3:14-15 NKJV] 14 So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You [are] cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. **15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."**

Even from the beginning, The throne that God cares about - your heart

The Genealogy leads up to Jesus...but doesn't end there

Names written in the book of life

Gospels

We are a part of His Story. He has plenty to write for us to be a part of.

[Eph 2:10 NKJV] 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

He wants you to be a part. To do what He's doing, with Him. To Know Him and the Father, and He knows The Father and You.

Speaking to the religious leaders here, who had hard hearts to God and man

[Jhn 5:36-39 NKJV] 36 "But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish--the very works that I do--bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. **37** "And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. **38** "But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. **39** "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

The whole point of the Gospels is that we'd know Jesus.