

NEW TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY

MATTHEW – PART ONE

AN OVERVIEW

Lesson 1

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Who Wrote Matthew?

- No Reference within Book
- Early Church Tradition - Matthew
 - Iraneus, Papias, Origen

When Was Matthew Written?

- Uncertain, Probably 50 - 60ish
- Aramaic or Greek?
- Matthew in Palestine, then Ethiopia, Syria, Macedonia, et al.

Why Was Matthew Written?

1. Encourage / Confirm Persecuted Christian Jews
2. Refute Jewish Opponents of Christ
3. Show Christ Consistent With OT, Not Contradiction

Matthew's Theme

Jesus Christ was the Old Testament Messiah
in his Birth, Ministry, Death and
Resurrection

Greek Term De Jour

Christ : “Anointed One”

In Hebrew : *Messiah*

Jesus = Messiah in Genealogy and Birth

- Ancestry through David and Abraham
- Birth Fulfills Multiple OT Prophecies
- Egypt as Prophesied by Hosea
- Infanticide Prophesied by Jeremiah

Jesus Prepared as Messiah for Ministry

- John fulfills Isaiah 40:3

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
Prepare the way of the Lord” (3:3)
- Jesus is Baptized
- Jesus bears scriptural temptations

Jesus as Messiah to Israel

- Moves through land preaching (Isa 9:1-2)
- Calls Disciples / Heals sick
- Sermon on Mount
 - Not Abolish, but Fulfill (5:17)
 - Heart of Law re: Murder / Adultery / Divorce / Oaths / Eye for Eye / Love and Prayer > Hatred / Pillars for God, not Show / Heaven for Desires, not Earth / Our Shortcomings > Others / Narrow
 - Authority

Jesus as Messiah to Israel

- Healings (Isa 53:4 / Mt 8:17)
- Authority over weather and demons also
- Ministry re: John from Malachi 3:1
- Lord of Rest, Lord over Sabbath
- Not arm of Satan but Prophecy of Jonah

Jesus as Messiah to Israel

- Parable Teaching (Isa. 6; Psalm 78:2)
- John's death, Quiet Time / Public Time
- Manna Feeding, Walk On Water
- Scriptural Debate-off on Faith and Obedience vs. Canaanite Woman
- Peter's Confession

Jesus - Messiah in Face of Crucifixion

- Suffering Explained
- Mt of Transfiguration
- Resurrection foretold
- Anticipatory Teaching: Don't offend / Childlike Humility / Forgiveness / Hard Hearts with Marriage and Children / Best Fall Short ? Forgiveness for All (some more than others)

Jesus Rejected as Messiah

- Zechariah 9:9 / Psalm 118:26 Arrival
- Isaiah / Jeremiah Temple Clearing
- Authority over Plants and People
- Rejection of Capstone (Ps 118:22f)
- 7 Woes

Jesus - Messiah and Prophet

- Destruction of Jerusalem and Second Coming

Messiah in Passion, Resurrection and Commission

- Anointed, Betrayed, Passover Explained
- Zechariah 13:7 fall away, even Peter
- Gethsemane
- Sanhedrin / Peter / Judas
- Pilate - Barabbas and Blood (27:25)
- Gambling (Ps 22:18) and Ps 22:1
- Guarded Burial and Sunday's Resurrection
- Commission

Points for Home

- Jesus is Historical
- Jesus is Lord and Messiah
- Jesus is the Fulfillment of the OT
- All Else Pales in Significance