

The Forgotten Jesus Podcast

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Title - What's the big deal about Moses?

Description - Outside of Abraham, Moses is one of the most important people in the Old Testament, but why? In this episode, we will examine how Moses foreshadowed the Messiah to come.

Last episode we were talking about the Tanak, this week we want to look at why the order of the books is important.

One of the things we're going to establish is that different Gospels are trying to teach different things to different audiences.

Luke writing to a greek audience, Mark writing to a roman audience, Matthew writing to a scripture versed group of jews.

Three major themes of Matthew:

1. God is with us
2. Jesus is the son of David (1:5, 1:15)
3. Jesus is the new Moses

So what's the big deal about Moses? In the OT, he delivers the people from bondage, and brings them to the land that was promised to them.

Jesus sets the table, and provides an environment for the disciples to see the OT verses they know, and they see the connections right in front of them with their own eyes.

Where does God quote three different verses: One from the Torah, one from the Ketuvim, one from the Nevim.

Both Elijah and Moses (1 kings 19, Exodus 34) met God on a mountain. Both were mighty men of God. Both had supernatural departures.

Moses founded the structure of the community, the government, courts, economy, etc. Elijah came and restored it.

Moses represents the law, Elijah represents the prophets.

Matthew 17:1-6 (CSB)

After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother John and led them up on a high mountain by themselves. ² He was transfigured in front of them, and his face shone like the sun; his clothes became as white as the light. ³ Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it's good for us to be here. If you want, I will set up three shelters here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still

speaking, suddenly a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased. Listen to him!”⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown and were terrified.

V. 1 - Jesus is on a mountain to meet with God, Moses was on a mountain to meet with God. v.

V. 2 - Moses’s face shone so bright that they had to put a veil over his face. Here Jesus’s face shines like the sun.

V. 3 - Both the representatives of the Law & the Prophets (Moses & Elijah) appear to talk to Jesus.

What were Moses & Elijah talking to Jesus about?

Look at Luke 9:28-31

²⁸ About eight days after this conversation, he took along Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly, two men were talking with him—Moses and Elijah. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish in Jerusalem.

They were talking to him about his coming “Departure” which is the same Hebrew word for “exodus.”

Back to Matthew:

V. 4 - When Peter talks about setting up 3 shelters, he’s talking about God coming to dwell with them in person. He’s talking about setting up a tabernacle / tent / booth. The tabernacle was the presence of God.

In the OT, when the tabernacle was setup, (Exodus 40:6) when Solomon dedicated the temple, () we see the Spirit of God come down in a cloud to talk.

This is now the second time we’ve heard the audible verse of God.

Mark 1:11 was the first time.

¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well-pleased.”

The second time is in Matthew 17:5 - ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased. Listen to him!”

God the Father shows us the need to affirm our own children. Not that Jesus needed to be affirmed, but that we needed to see this example modeled for us.

God affirms Jesus before Jesus has done anything in His ministry. No miracles, no healings, no feedings, nothing. God's love to the Son was unconditional. Do we as parents affirm our children just because of who they are, not because of what they do?

Three things every parent should say to their children.

1. I love you.
2. I'm proud of you.
3. I believe in you.

In Mark 1, God was speaking specifically to Jesus. "YOU are my beloved Son..." Now in Matthew 17, God is speaking to the disciples about Jesus, "THIS is my beloved Son..."

Jesus didn't come to abolish the law, but to fulfill it. When he says "fulfill" he's not talking about fulfill and do away with, he's coming to complete it.

Jesus has to have the Old Testament outline to complete it and fill it full, with his holiness.

Next week we'll look at, "This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased, listen to him."