

The Forgotten Jesus Podcast

S2E3

Title - The Themes of Matthew's Gospel

Description - Each gospel writer wrote their letter with a specific theme in mind to a particular audience. Today we'll look at the three major themes in the gospel of Matthew.

After 400 years of silence, after the Ark being destroyed, after the Glory of God departing the temple God finally speaks again, via the Angel Gabriel.

Before we get into Matthew, we have to talk about two more things.

Remember the themes of Matthew:

1. God with us
2. Jesus is the Messiah, of the lineage of David
3. Jesus is the new Moses

Why is Moses, and why is Jesus being the new Moses such a big deal?

For the Jews, Moses was a messiah-type. He brought the people out of captivity, redeemed them from the bondage of captivity in Egypt. Moses brought the law down, he mediated between God and his people.

But yet, Moses didn't do everything that God told him to do, unlike Jesus. Remember, God instructed Moses to speak to the Rock to bring forth water, but he struck the Rock with his staff.

Jesus is going to setup situations and events that will recall to people's minds the events of the Old Testament and to Moses.

Matthew is going to divide his gospel into 5 sections, to line up with the 5 books of Moses

Introduction - Matthew 1-4

Including the birth narrative, John the baptist, the genealogy of Jesus, the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness.

1st Discourse: Sermon on the Mount, how to live in the Kingdom of God - Matthew 5-7

2nd Discourse: Commissioning of the disciples to Israel - Matthew 10

3rd Discourse: Jesus begins to speak in parables - Matthew 13

*Side note: There's a shift from Matthew 12 to Matthew 13, where Jesus's message goes from the crowds to mainly teaching the disciples.

4th Discourse: Jesus gives us rules for living after he's gone - Matthew 18

5th Discourse: The Olivet Discourse - Matthew 24-25

Outro: The Great Commission, the commissioning to the nations - Matthew 28

Notice the transitions after each of these discourses:

Matthew 7:28-29

Matthew 11:1

Matthew 13:53

Matthew 19:1

Matthew 26:1

Matthew 5:1-2 (CSB)

When he saw the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then he began to teach them, saying:

Matthew is writing, particularly keeping an eye out for the “Mamzer”

Mamzer was a Hebrew word for the outcast, the looked over, the ones who were on the fringe.

Matthew 5-7 - The sermon on the mount, how to live in the new Kingdom. What does it look like to be kingdom citizens?

Luke says right off the gate that he’s going to write a chronological orderly account of the life and ministry of Jesus. He doesn’t have a sermon on the mount, it’s spread all throughout the gospel of Luke.

It doesn't really matter if Jesus preached the whole sermon on the mount in one sitting, or if he said it throughout his ministry; it was probably both. He had to reiterate stuff all the time. He told the disciples three times that he was going to die; probably more than that; that’s just what was recorded.

The very next thing that happens after Jesus has been teaching all through Matthew 5-7, what's the very next thing that happens?

Matthew 8

Next week we’ll talk about the Mamzer and how Matthew uses that throughout his Gospel.