

## **The Forgotten Jesus Podcast**

**S3E10**

**Title – “Easter Eggs” in the Genealogy of Matthew**

**Description – Hunting for easter eggs as a child was always exciting, because you never knew where the eggs were or what the eggs contained. Today on the podcast we’ll examine a few more of these hidden “easter eggs” from Matthew’s genealogy.**

Today on the podcast we circle back to a question that Kandi had about Jeconiah. Jeconiah (Also Coiniah and Jehoiachin in the bible). He was disqualified because of his sin, and leading the people into sin. 2 Kings 24:9, “<sup>9</sup>He did what was evil in the LORD’s sight just as his father had done.”

Moving on, talking today about more easter eggs in the genealogy of Matthew.

Remember, the only difference between the Old Testament we have today and the Jewish Bible is the number of books. We both have the same books, but the Jewish Old Testament combines several books into one, so instead of 1 & 2 Kings, they just have “Kings.” Same with Samuel and Chronicles.

The Tanak, the Torah, (The Law) the Nevi'im (The Prophets) and the Ketuvim (The Writings) is the organization of the Jewish Bible (our Old Testament)

The first easter egg of the genealogy is tied to the Torah, the law. Which isn't a bad thing to the Jews, they loved the law, it was the way to connect to God, it was life-giving. This connects to Abraham, Issac, Jacob and Judah (Matthew 1:2-3)

The second easter egg of the genealogy is connected to the Ketuvim, 1:8 - “Asa” also named, “Asaph” wrote multiple psalms, (Psalm 50, Psalms 73-83)

The third easter egg of the genealogy is connected to the Nevi'm, - 1:10 - “Amon” also written as “Amos” Amos is a prophet in the OT.

Let's jump ahead to Matthew 17 to look at another time Matthew connects the Tanak to Jesus in his writings.

**Matthew 17:1-6**

After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother John and led them up on a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>He was transfigured in front of them, and his face shone like the sun; his clothes became as white as the light. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>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.”

<sup>5</sup> 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!" <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown and were terrified.

V. 2 - "His face shone like the sun" - a connection back to Moses on the mountain with God.

V. 3 - "Moses & Elijah" - aka, the Law and the Prophets

V. 4 - three shelters - literally three tabernacles. Tabernacle being the dwelling place of God in the Old Testament before the Temple, but also, Jesus came to tabernacle with his people.

V. 5 - "a bright cloud covered them" - where do we see clouds covering mountain tops in the OT? Back in Exodus with Moses at Sinai. What did the cloud signify? The power and the presence of God.

V. 5 - God says 3 things about His Son, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased. Listen to him!" But these aren't just three random things God is saying. He's tying Jesus back to the OT.

"Listen to him" (Torah) - Deuteronomy 18:15 - (Moses speaking to the people): <sup>15</sup> "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him.

"With whom I am well pleased" (Nevi'im) - Isaiah 42:1 - "This is my servant; I strengthen him, this is my chosen one; I delight in him. I have put my Spirit on him; he will bring justice to the nations."

"This is my beloved son" (Ketuvim) - Psalm 2:7 - <sup>7</sup> I will declare the LORD's decree. He said to me, "You are my Son;

We can see through scripture that God knows best, and knows both the beginning and the end, we can trust him!