

The Forgotten Jesus Podcast

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Title – Matthew: The Purpose and The Promise

Description – We’ve finally made it to the New Testament! Join us this week as we begin to examine the Gospel of Matthew.

We’re finally here to the gospel of Matthew after 25 episodes.

Two statements that may cause us to think differently:

1. Matthew was probably written in Hebrew
2. Matthew was probably the first gospel written

Most think the gospel of Mark is the first, because it’s the shortest. It’s the shortest in length when it comes to chapters but when Mark speaks to an encounter, He’s very thorough in his details for the events.

Two reasons why we think Matthew was written first:

1. Who was the first group of people the disciples were trying to reach? It was the Jews.
 - a. They were the ones who the disciples were trying to convince that Jesus was the Messiah.
 - b. Matthew quotes the OT more than any of the other gospels combined.
 - c. He’s constantly connecting the OT to the NT
2. Matthew shows Jesus’s interaction with both the written OT law, but also Jesus’s interactions with the Oral law.
 - a. The Oral law was a commentary on the written law.
 - b. The Mosaic written law had 613 commands.
 - c. When Jesus was criticized by the Pharisees, they were constantly hammering him on the Oral law. That he wasn’t keeping it.

Matthew 5:17 - ¹⁷“Don’t think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.

The Law – The Torah (First five books of the OT)

The Prophets – The Ketuvim

Jesus is saying, “do not think I’ve come to abolish the OT, the Hebrew Bible that you have now...”

Jesus is saying I didn’t come to get rid of this, I came to make it perfect, to fulfill it.

I didn’t come to nullify or render it inoperable; I came to fulfill it.

What does fulfill mean? To interpret correctly or to fill full.

What does that mean? Think about it like ordering something from a catalog. Once you order something, and then that item arrives, you toss the catalog. This is the way most people read the NT in light of the OT. Most will say, why do we need the OT when we have the NT?

Guys, you need to get Pink Picasso for your wife, your girlfriend, your fiancée.

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What you have is a sketch / image, but when you fill in the paint, you complete the picture.

This is exactly what Jesus does for the OT. In the OT we have a sketch, an outline of what living a perfect life looks like before God. But in Jesus, we have the full view of what this looks like. He lives it out in the flesh, what a perfect life before God.

The Mishna is the collection of the oral law written down. It wasn't written down till after the destruction of the temple, because at that point the Jews were dispersed from Jerusalem around the world.

Matthew could be first because he was writing to the Jews to share the message of their long awaited Messiah.

Next week we'll talk about the three themes of Matthew and how in one of those themes Matthew ties Jesus to Moses.