

## The Forgotten Jesus Podcast

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#### Title – Why should we read the gospel of Matthew?

**Description – Like all the Gospel writers, Matthew is writing with a specific purpose, a theme and to a specific audience. Join us today as we begin to look at those themes in Matthew and a broad overview of the Gospel of Matthew.**

Welcome back to the Forgotten Jesus Podcast

Why should we read the Gospel of Matthew? Well, it's scripture. So there's that, but every one of the gospel writers has a theme, a purpose and an audience they're writing to.

There were many who claimed to be the messiah, but were killed or died off, and their followers dispersed. So when someone claimed to be the Messiah there was a little bit of skepticism and doubt that occurred with the people.

Matthew is going to try to prove three things to show that Jesus is the long awaited Messiah

1. Jesus is the son of David.
  - a. "bar David" – Son of David
  - b. Not just the biological son, but of the lineage of David
  - c. That's why Matthew begins with a genealogy, that traces back via Joseph.
  - d. Matthew takes the perspective of Joseph.
  - e. Luke on the other hand writes his genealogy from Mary's line, and the first few chapters of Luke are recounts from Mary.
  - f. Who was David? - A King after God's own heart. He was King over God's people, in essence, the king of God's kingdom.
  - g. Jesus is the descendant of David, a rightful king.
  
2. God is with us.
  - a. Remember, God's presence left the temple (Ezekiel). The place where he resided was taken in captivity and destroyed (the temple & the ark in Jeremiah). And then God's prophetic voice was sealed up after Malachi.
  - b. So for over 400 years there was no presence, no place, no prophetic voice of God to the people.
  - c. After that length of time, you'd begin to wonder, where is God? Does he even care? Is he even real?
  - d. Matthew begins with quoting the prophet Isaiah, Matthew 1:22-23
  - e. <sup>22</sup> Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> See, the virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they will name him Immanuel, which is translated "God is with us."
  - f. Matthew also ends with God reminding them that he will be with them always, Matthew 28:18-20, "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

3. Jesus is the new Moses
  - a. Moses is the people's model of a messiah.
  - b. He brings the people out of captivity in Egypt.
  - c. He leads the people to the promised land.
  - d. In order to prove this, Matthew is going to give accounts of Jesus that parallel Moses in the OT
  - e. Just as Moses fed the children in the wilderness, Jesus feeds 5,000
  - f. Just as Moses walked through the red sea, Jesus is going to walk on water.

Matthew organizes his gospel around the 5 major teachings of Jesus, with an intro section and an outro section.

(Next week we'll talk about gematria and the number 7)

So why 5 teaching segments?

Because Moses had 5 books of the Torah. (Pentateuch)  
Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers & Deuteronomy, the 5 books of Moses.

Just like Moses gave five major teachings, so Jesus will give 5 major teachings.

1. Intro: Immanuel, God is with us. (Matthew 1-4)
2. First Teaching: Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)
3. Second Teaching: The Commissioning of the Disciples to go to Israel (Matthew 10)
4. Third Teaching: Parables of the Kingdom (Matthew 13)
5. Fourth Teaching: Immanuel on how to live when He's gone (Matthew 18)
6. Fifth Teaching: Olivet Discourse (Matthew 24-25)
7. Outro: (Matthew 26-28)

The Jews would "weigh" some scripture as more important to everyday life than other verses. But we do that too. Of the whole OT, the Jews would say the Torah was the "weightiest." But then out of the Torah, the book of Deuteronomy carried the most weight. But even then, Deuteronomy 6 was more important.

Next week, we'll talk about why the number 7 was important. Also: Question for next week: if the lineage of David is traced through Joseph, how is Jesus of the lineage of David? Joseph wasn't his biological father.

1 Kings 10:30 – Joseph is of the lineage of the cursed lineage. But Luke does the lineage of Mary, which also ties back to David.