



The Forgotten Jesus Podcast Discussion Guide

Season 3 Episode 2

Why Should We Read the Gospel of Matthew?

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 and a broad overview of the Gospel of Matthew.

Introduction

Recap From Last Week

Last week on the Forgotten Jesus Podcast, we began the book of Matthew by looking at how Jesus came to fulfill the law and prophets (Matthew 5:17). This meant Jesus also provided the correct interpretation of the law and prophets. Pastor Robby also made the argument that the book of Matthew was probably written in Hebrew and possibly the first Gospel written.

Take a few minutes to review this week's episode and what stuck out to everyone from the episode.

Why is it important to identify the purpose or theme as we read the Gospels?

Discussion

Have someone read aloud each theme of Matthew and the corresponding Bible verse(s).

- 1. Jesus is the son of David - Matthew 1:1**
- 2. God is with us - Matthew 1:22-23, Matthew 28:18**
- 3. Jesus is the new Moses**

Why is it important to see and understand these themes about Jesus?

How does Jesus as the Messiah defy the first-century Jewish expectations?



What are the five teaching segments of Jesus in Matthew and how do they connect with the Old Testament?

Application

Take some time to apply what you have discussed to yourself and your Bible study.

How does the biblical Jesus defy today's modern view of Jesus?

How can the organization of the book of Matthew into its five sections inform us as we read this Gospel?

How do the words of Jesus encourage us when it's difficult to feel God's presence? (example: Matthew 28:19-20)

Question to consider 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.

Pray

At the end of your conversation, spend some time praying as a group. Here are some prompts:

What prayer requests do your group members have? Take turns praying for each member and their prayer requests.

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The Forgotten Jesus Book

Through the years, our understanding of Jesus has been shaped by different cultural influences, and many Christians have forgotten that Jesus was a Jewish man living in a Jewish land, observing Jewish customs, and investing his life into Jewish men and women. You can buy it [here](#).

