

2018 FEBRUARY

Matthew: Week-2

Text: Matthew 2:1-23

Topic: Guidance, God's Sovereignty

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Last week we began 12 week journey through the 1st half of the Gospel of Matthew

Matthew: Part 2 will be released in the fall of 2018.

Matthew Background –

Perfect bridge between Old & New Testament

Was written to the Jews

Purpose: Present Jesus as the Promised Messiah – eternal King

Begins with this long genealogy of Jesus v1-17

Matthew begins with the genealogy (to explain the ancestral line of Jesus as the messiah –so the reader could better understand who Jesus was)

Ancestrydna.com – found out mostly German/secondly from Ireland/Scotland/Wales

- Nice to know but I'm not about to go switch from wearing Jeans to Lederhosen/Kilts – figure another way to celebrate my heritage

Matthew then goes right to the story of his birth and uses a grand total of 8 verses to tell the story of Jesus birth 1:18-25

Luke draws it out over 2 long chapter's first chapter being 80 verses of the story leading up to his birth: written to Gentiles – as a Dr. took amore methodical approach in his Gospel the **purpose** of presenting to him a complete and well authenticated narrative of the early history of the Christian movement.

- Birth of John the Baptist and Jesus foretold
- Mary visit Elizabeth
- Both Mary & Zechariah's songs

Then chap 2 Luke details Jesus birth over 20 verses

Why Matthew so short: wants to stress his purpose for writing - Present Jesus as Messiah – to do that he needed to put all the pieces of the puzzle together – (genealogy plus – prophetic pieces from the OT of the coming Messiah – for people (Jewish people) and us – to see the big picture – we need to 1st put the pieces together

(TALK ABOUT JUNE DOING JIGSAW PUZZELS)

She sees the finished picture by picture on box – but while she is putting together – unless she shows you the box – we don't see the full picture until she is done (Sammy eating pieces)

See until the picture is complete – the puzzle is very confusing

So in chapter 2 Matthew starts to put the pieces of the puzzle together

Over 300 prophecies that were fulfilled by Jesus

Matthew stresses throughout his book the prophecies of Jesus – he quotes over 60 OT references & prophecies

In chapter 2 he points out an interesting fact. There were three different prophecies of where the Messiah would come from. They might have seemed contradictory or mistaken when they were given:

How could one person be from three different places?

from Micah 2 --- read v6

from Hosea 11:1 – read 15b

3rd one though it is not a quote from any one prophecy – Matthew makes this claim through the various prophecies about the Messiah being despised (people from Nazareth were) – read verse 23b

This is very confusing (How can one person be from 3 different places??)

All makes sense once you see the finished story Matthew puts the puzzle together in chapter 2

WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN TO US?

All throughout OT – God's people we promised that a Messiah was coming one day to deliver them – the only way they would know who he was to put the puzzle together through the prophecies told them – up to that point it was not clear – which is why he was rejected – because they missed it – didn't fully understand – they failed to see the big picture

It wasn't until God carried out his marvelous and mysterious plan that the truth was made plain. Matthew along with the other disciples had to explain it to them

The Christ was born in Bethlehem, came out of Egypt after his parents fled there to save the baby, and resided in Nazareth.

