

The Call of Matthew

"As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. 'Follow me,' he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

- Matthew 9:9-11



The Purpose of Jesus

"Now when he heard this, he said, 'It is not those who are well who need a doctor but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: I desire mercy and not sacrifice. For I didn't come to call the righteous but sinners."

- Matthew 9:12-13



"Jesus didn't hang out with sinners because He wanted to appear inclusive, tolerant, and accepting. He spent time with them to show them who He was, and how to live differently. His goal is to transform lives, not affirm sin."

- Shane Pruitt,



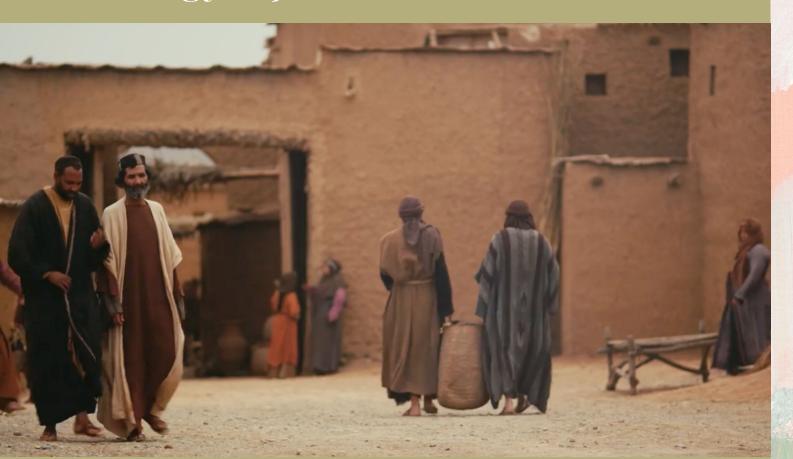
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Parable of the Pharisee & Tax Collector

"To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." - Luke 18:9-14



Genealogy of Jesus



Matthew 1:1-17

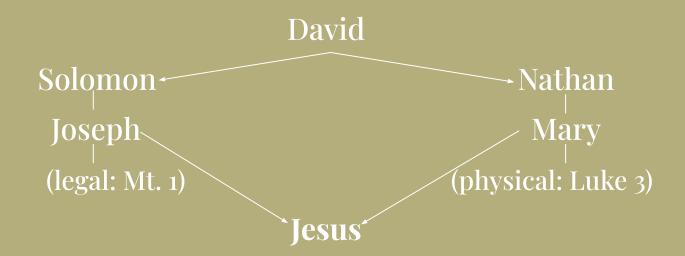
Jesus is the long-awaited <u>King</u>, the fulfillment of God's promise to David that his throne would be established <u>forever</u>.

• Jesus is the eternal King to both <u>save</u> and <u>rule</u>

"I will raise up after you your descendant, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever... Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever." - 2 Samuel 7:12-13,16



Lineage of Christ



Fulfilling 2 Samuel 7:16

"Your house and kingdom will endure before me forever, and your throne will be established forever."



Matthew 1:1-17

Jesus is the long-awaited <u>Son</u>, the fulfillment of what God promised Abraham, to make him a father to <u>all</u> the nations

God gives us promises that are based on <u>His</u>
performance but require our <u>faith</u> and
<u>obedience</u>



Matthew 1:1-17

Jesus is the long-awaited <u>Deliverer</u>, to both the oppressed and the oppressor

- Five <u>women</u> are listed in the genealogy
- The family of Jesus was filled with <u>division</u> and <u>dysfunction</u>, yet Jesus chose them anyway; no sin outweighs the <u>mercy</u> and <u>forgiveness</u> of God









Matthew 1:18-23

The virgin birth of Jesus <u>fulfilled</u> the prophecy about the long-awaited Messiah that Isaiah gave <u>700</u> years before.

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." - Isaiah 7:14



Matthew 2:1-12

Jesus is the King of kings and <u>Lord</u> of lords.

"On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: King of kings and Lord of lords." - Revelation 19:16



Matthew 2:1-12

Jesus is the <u>Creator</u>, not the created

"And God said, 'Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.' And it was so." - Genesis 1:14-15



Matthew 2:1-12

Jesus is the Chief Shepherd

• He is worthy of our <u>trust</u> and <u>worship</u>

"...Bethlehem ... out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." - Micah 5:2

"Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will ..." - Hebrews 13:20-21





Matthew 2:13-23

Jesus is the better Abraham, David, and <u>Moses</u>

- Have <u>hope</u> in the "detours" of life
- <u>Divine</u> intervention makes eternal salvation possible, both now and forever
- Rest knowing Jesus is the Son of God, Creator, King, Deliverer, Shepherd, Messiah, Immanuel, God with us to save us

