



Fulfilled

a study of the Gospel of Matthew

Matthew 1 - 2 recap

- Jesus is the long awaited King, Son, & Deliverer
- Jesus fulfilled the Law & prophecies
- Jesus came to save and transform sinners to saints



Matthew 2:13-23

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



Matthew 2:13-23

Jesus is the better Abraham, David, and Moses
and the new Israel

“When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.” – Hosea 11:1



Ancient Israel History

Abraham

Isaac

Jacob

12 tribes of Israel

Joseph - Levi - Judah

Moses - David

Jesus



Matthew 3:1-12

Followers of Jesus are to be messengers preparing the way for His return

- We don't have to be weird but we do need to be set apart in the wilderness



Matthew 3:1-12

Authentic repentance is more than remorse and regret but not less than a radical turn from self, (aka sin) to God.

Repentance is essential to being saved and renewed into the image of God.



“True repentance begins where whitewashing
(‘Nothing really happened’) and blame-shifting
(‘It wasn’t really my fault’) and self-pity (‘I’m sorry
because of what it has cost me’) and self-flagellation
(‘I will feel so terrible no one will be able to criticize
me’) end.” – Tim Keller



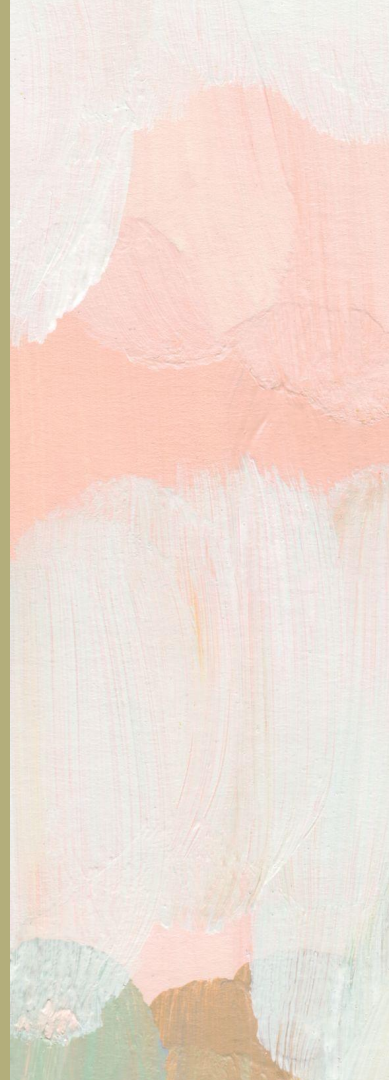




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Repentance is not for condemnation but is an invitation to restoration

“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world but to save the world through Him.” John 3:17



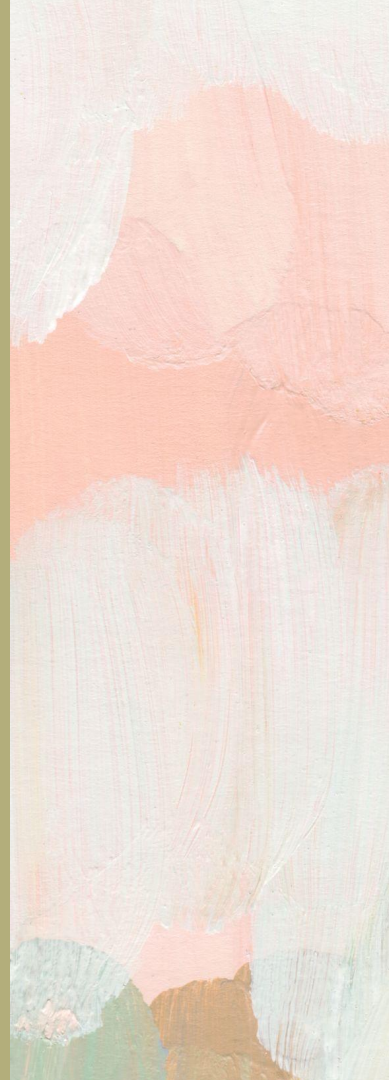




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Producing fruit consistent with repentance means
life change

- Don't just say you're sorry. Show you're sorry



Matthew 3:13-17

The baptism of Jesus shows several OT parallels:

- Jesus passed through the waters
 - Israelites passed through the Red Sea
- The Spirit of God descended on Jesus like a dove
 - After the flood of Noah, a dove was the sign of the new earth emerging



Matthew 3:13-17

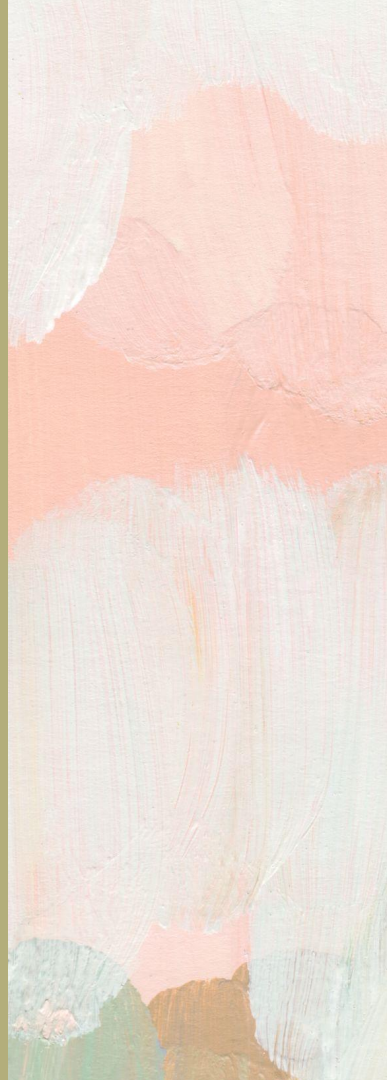
Our goal is to please the Lord, which happens by abiding in Him not achieving for Him



Matthew 4:1-11

The temptation of Jesus shows several OT parallels:

- Jesus was led into the wilderness for 40 days & nights
 - Israel was led into the wilderness for 40 years
 - Moses went up Mt. Sinai for 40 days & nights
- Jesus trusted God to provide and meet His needs
 - Israel failed to trust God to provide
Ex. only 3 days after the Red Sea miracle, the people were grumbling for food and water (Exodus 15:24)



Matthew 4: 1-11

All work for God will involve temptation and spiritual warfare from the enemy, because as Christians we live in conflicting kingdoms



Matthew 4: 1-11

God does not tempt us but uses it as a test to refine us and reveal the state of our relationship with Him and our identity in Him.



“God loves you enough to expose your deeply buried roots of idolatry and misplaced identity.”

- Aimee Joseph of *Risen Motherhood*



Matthew 4: 1-11

Temptation is the experience of every human including the sinless Jesus who gives a way for us to escape and endure

- Where we often fail, God is always faithful



Matthew 4: 1-11

Beware of Satan's motive and method.

Temptation comes in three main forms:

1. Self-gratification (Hedonism): lust of the flesh
2. Self-protection (Materialism): lust of the eyes
3. Self-exaltation (Egoism): pride of life



Self-centered movements

1980s: self-esteem movement

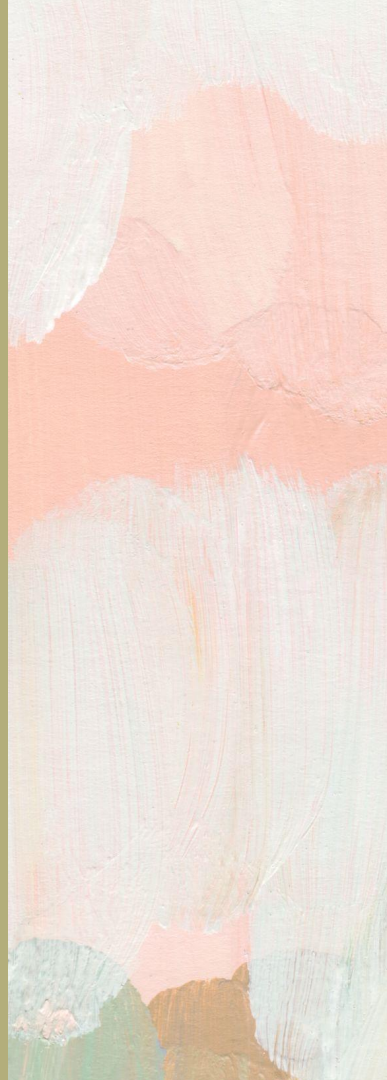
1990s: self-made movement

2000s: self-help movement

2010s: believe in yourself movement

2020s: self-love movement

“It’s all humanism wearing different masks. You were created to trust in Someone bigger than ‘self’. His name is Jesus.” – Shane Pruitt



Matthew 4:1-11

Trust God and realize any attempt to fulfill your needs and wants apart from Him will ultimately lead to damage or destruction but not lasting delight



Matthew 4:1-11

How to fight temptation:

- Cultivate a heart of humility
- Avoid it
- Flee from it
- Preach God's Word to yourself & pray!



Matthew 4:12-35

When things go from bad to worse, withdraw with the Lord and seek His purpose focusing less on the why and more on the what now



Matthew 4:12-35

- What do you need to leave behind to follow Jesus more fully?
- When Jesus calls, follow Him immediately despite inconvenience or lack of understanding
- Ask the Lord to find ministry partners for you
- Where in your life is the gospel spreading and healing taking place?

