

All in the Family

Pre-book-study Intro

- Don't listen in anticipation with a mental check-list. Listen critically, with a clean slate.

Intro to Study

- In case you weren't aware, Jesus was Jewish. (vamp)
 - While we, as 21st century American with our Western style of thinking, can generally understand what we read in the gospels, we also miss out on a lot.
 - The place where Jesus grew up and ministered spoke an Eastern language, Aramaic. They thought in Eastern ways. The culture was defined by the Mosaic Law plus some elements they picked up over the centuries due to their history, i.e. synagogues.
 - Jesus was a Rabbi. What does that mean? Much more than just one who teaches.
 - Jesus had disciples. What does that mean? Much more than just one who follows the teachings of another, be that strictly or conveniently.
 - Jesus was and is the Meshiach. What does that mean? Much more than a savior. It means anointed one. By who, to do what? What is anointed anyway?
- We are going to do a study through the Gospel of Matthew.
 - Matthew was an apostle. How many gospels were written by apostles?
 - Matthew was Jewish, wrote in a very Jewish style, for Jews, Jewish/Messianic emphasis.
 - Matthew was a tax collector, seen as a traitor by fellow Jews. Interesting choice by Jesus. As a tax collector he would have been trained multiple languages and in shorthand. Very likely that the some discourses are transcriptions!
 - Because we are less familiar with the Jewishness of Jesus we are going to go through Matthew and try to highlight, learn, and understand this core dynamic to Jesus. Christians were exclusively Jews until [Acts 10](#).
 - It's part of the mindset in the writing and we need to understand it. This is why I'm calling the series Rabbi Meshiach. Here we go.

Matthew 1

1:1-17

- [1:1](#)
 - Right off the bat Matthew makes the claim. Jeshua Meshiach. The anointed one, the one promised by God since the Garden of Eden all the way through to JtB.
 - Why a genealogy? Because along the way God said through whom the Meshiach would come. [It was needed to validate the claim.](#)
- [1:2-16](#)
 - Briefly address differences between this one and [Luke 3:23+](#).
 - This is a very Jewish genealogy. Traces legal line, title. Luke's follows blood.
 - Survey, hit some highlights.
 - Briefly address the discrepancy of who Joseph's father was.
- [1:17](#) [Jeshua meets the Jewish genealogy test from every direction to be Meshiach.](#)
Next qualifier.

1:18-25

- **1:18-19** Describe betrothal and divorce. Why quietly? Stoning for her.
- **1:20-21**
 - **What is it He will do? Save His people from their sins.** Who does the saving? God. Jeshua, the LORD saves.
 - We don't save ourselves by being good little boys and girls. God is not Santa Claus. "You'd better watch out..." Is that your picture, your understanding of God? Nothing could be further from the truth!
- **1:22-25**
 - The first of many prophetic qualifiers to come.
 - Briefly address multiple fulfillment of scriptures and the context of this quote.
 - Address "virgin" word debate. Greek word leaves no room. LXX.
 - If time address immaculate conception and perpetual virginity. Both false, scripture contradicts.
 - **What will this Son be? God with us.** Not out there somewhere, right here with us. **As Jesus was with the disciples so the Holy Spirit is with, in, and upon us.**
- Here in **chapter 1** we begin to see how Jesus meets the prerequisites for Meshiach, and we get a simple summary of His mission, His purpose; to **save us from our sins**, and to **be with us**. Interestingly enough, that is the order in which it happens.

Some application

- **John 3:16-17** How He saves us
- **1 Corinthians 6:9-11** What the difference looks like and what the results are
- **Ephesians 5:15-21** What God with us looks like

Jesus is Savior and Lord. Meshiach.

- In all of this we are talking about Jesus being savior and Lord. **Romans 10:9-10**
 - Some people are aware that they are complete and utter sinners and God needs to save in total.
 - Others seem to think that they get to define the sins from which they need to be saved and the ones they don't. They are now defining sin. They are now Lord, Jesus is not. He is our Lord. He is either Lord of all or He is not Lord at all.
- "Just as I am" vs "I did it my way" God accepts you as you are and loves you too much to leave you that way. Rom. 5:8.
- To do **Romans 10:9-10** means
 - Die to self. Born again. Means that whatever you are when you call upon Him to save you, that dies and you are reborn in His image. **save his people from their sins.**
 - We also become His and He is with us. **God with us.**
- **Jesus came to save you from your sins. Why? Because you need saving and He loves you.**
- **Jesus came to be God with you. Why? Because He made you for relationship. But He is still God, He is still Lord.**
- Is He completely both in your life? The more that He is, the more you will know what it is like to be Adam, Abraham, Moses, Samuel, David, Daniel, John, Paul. The more that Jesus is savior and Lord in your life, the more, well, everything.