NEW TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY

MATTHEW – PART ONE AN OVERVIEW

Lesson 1

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Who Wrote Matthew?

- No Reference within Book
- Early Church Tradition Matthew

– Iraneus, Papias, Origen

When Was Matthew Written?

- Uncertain, Probably 50 60ish
- Aramaic or Greek?
- Matthew in Palestine, then Ethiopia, Syria, Macedonia, et al.

Why Was Matthew Written?

- Encourage / Confirm Persecuted Christian Jews
- 2. Refute Jewish Opponents of Christ
- 3. Show Christ Consistent With OT, Not Contradiction

Matthew's Theme

Jesus Christ was the Old Testament Messiah in his Birth, Ministry, Death and Resurrection

Greek Term De Jour

Christ :"Anointed One" In Hebrew : *Messiah*

Jesus = Messiah in Genealogy and Birth

- Ancestry through David and Abraham
- Birth Fulfills Multiple OT Prophecies
- Egypt as Prophesied by Hosea
- Infanticide Prophesied by Jeremiah

Jesus Prepared as Messiah for Ministry

- John fulfills Isaiah 40:3
 "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, Prepare the way of the Lord" (3:3)
- Jesus is Baptized
- Jesus bears scriptural temptations

Jesus as Messiah to Israel

- Moves through land preaching (Isa 9:1-2)
- Calls Disciples / Heals sick
- Sermon on Mount
 - Not Abolish, but Fulfill (5:17)
 - Heart of Law re: Murder / Adultery / Divorce / Oaths / Eye for Eye / Love and Prayer > Hatred / Pillars for God, not Show / Heaven for Desires, not Earth / Our Shortcomings > Others / Narrow
 - Authority

Jesus as Messiah to Israel

- Healings (Isa 53:4 / Mt 8:17)
- Authority over weather and demons also
- Ministry re: John from Malachi 3:1
- Lord of Rest, Lord over Sabbath
- Not arm of Satan but Prophesy of Jonah

Jesus as Messiah to Israel

- Parable Teaching (Isa. 6; Psalm 78:2)
- John's death, Quiet Time / Public Time
- Manna Feeding, Walk On Water
- Scriptural Debate-off on Faith and Obedience vs. Canaanite Woman
- Peter's Confession

Jesus - Messiah in Face of Crucifixion

- Suffering Explained
- Mt of Transfiguration
- Resurrection foretold
- Anticipatory Teaching: Don't offend / Childlike Humility / Forgiveness / Hard Hearts with Marriage and Children / Best Fall Short ? Forgiveness for All (some more than others)

Jesus Rejected as Messiah

- Zechariah 9:9 / Psalm 118:26 Arrival
- Isaiah / Jeremiah Temple Clearing
- Authority over Plants and People
- Rejection of Capstone (Ps 118:22f)
- 7 Woes

Jesus - Messiah and Prophet

 Destruction of Jerusalem and Second Coming

Messiah in Passion, Resurrection and Commission

- Anointed, Betrayed, Passover Explained
- Zechariah 13:7 fall away, even Peter
- Gethsemane
- Sanhedrin / Peter / Judas
- Pilate Barabbas and Blood (27:25)
- Gambling (Ps 22:18) and Ps 22:1
- Guarded Burial and Sunday's Resurrection
- Commission

Points for Home

- Jesus is Historical
- Jesus is Lord and Messiah
- Jesus is the Fulfillment of the OT
- All Else Pales in Significance