



Humanity's struggle is that we want a god made in our own image.

Any god made from our own imagination is too small and too weak.

This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Matthew 1:1 (NIV)

The Messiah is the anointed Jewish king who was appointed by God and prophesied to deliver God's people.

The Gospel of Matthew provides the evidence that Jesus Christ is the fulfillment to God's promise to Abraham that would bless all nations.

¹⁷ "I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies,"¹⁸ and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

Genesis 22:17-18 (NIV)

The Gospel of Matthew opens with good news that Jesus is the One who's come to save the generations of Adam.

²¹ "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.²⁶ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem² and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?"

Matthew 1:21-2:2 (NIV)

God promised that a Redeemer and Savior would come to reign as King, and Jesus Christ fulfilled that promise.

The Gospel of Matthew introduces the new people whom the Messiah would lead—the Church.

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"¹⁴ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."¹⁵ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven."¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

Matthew 16:13-18 (NIV)

The Gospel of Matthew reveals Jesus as the suffering Messiah.

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

Matthew 16:21 (NIV), also see Isaiah 53:3-7

SERIES BIG IDEA:

Jesus is the Sovereign King who reveals God to us and brings us into the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew reveals that the mission of Jesus is the mission of the Church.

²⁷ As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"²⁸ When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" "Yes, Lord," they replied.²⁹ Then he touched

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their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you";³⁰ and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, "See that no one knows about this."³¹ But they went out and spread the news about him all over that region.³² While they were going out, a man who was demon-possessed and could not talk was brought to Jesus.³³ And when the demon was driven out, the man who had been mute spoke. The crowd was amazed and said, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel."³⁴ But the Pharisees said, "It is by the prince of demons that he drives out demons."³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Matthew 9:27-38 (NIV)

Jesus uses His authority to bring us into God's kingdom, and Jesus delegates His authority to us to expand God's kingdom by making disciples.

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

Jesus isn't just a Savior to know, He is the Lord we follow.



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TEACHING SUMMARY:

We tend to create a cut-and-paste version of Jesus to fit our likings and who we imagine Jesus to be. The first-century Jews also had their cut-and-paste version of the Hebrew Messiah. Matthew's Gospel was written by a Jew to the Jews to reveal the evidence that Jesus is their long-awaited Messiah.

The Gospel of Matthew reveals Jesus as the anointed Jewish King who was appointed by God to save all the generations of humanity. This sacred writing also unveils that Jesus is the Messiah who must take a path of suffering in order to take His true place as the true King over all things.

Jesus, the Messiah King, then uses His authority to create a new humanity called the Church. Jesus delegates His authority to this sacred gathering and commands us to make disciples of all people. This is how this new kingdom people will follow Jesus as their Lord because Jesus is their Savior.

TALK-IT-OVER:

How have you seen mankind trying to make a god in their image? How have you done the same thing?

How does it affect you to realize that you are on the Mission of God to expand the Kingdom?

What do you need to give over to Jesus the Lord, who we follow?

What is one next step you need to take today?

Who do you need to tell about what you've learned?

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING:

Day 1) John 1:1-18

Day 2) Luke 2:8-18

Day 3) John 1:29-35

Day 4) Acts 2:29-39

Day 5) Philippians 2:5:11

Day 6) 1 Corinthians 15:20:28