

Messiah's Message Is Communicated (Matthew 1-10)

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The key theme of Matthew is to present Jesus as the long awaited, prophesied Messiah.

There have been 400 years of silence from God through His prophets from Malachi to Matthew.

Matthew uses Jesus' identity, authority, and disciples to prove Jesus as Messiah in the first ten chapters. Jesus is the promised Messiah!

1. Jesus' identity as Messiah communicates God's message (Matthew 1-4)

- Jesus' birth fulfills prophecy: God always keeps His Word
- Jesus' baptism reveals His Sonship: The Holy Trinity revealed
- His temptation proves His righteousness: Only Messiah can defeat the devil

2. Jesus' authority communicates God's Kingdom (Matthew 5-9)

- Jesus' sermon on the mount proves His focus on God's kingdom, not man's
- Jesus' fulfills all of the Law and Prophets: You cannot give a New Covenant until you have fulfilled the Old Covenant
- Jesus' authority over nature: Only the Creator can control the creation
- Jesus as Messiah forgives sins: The Lamb of God is the ONLY payment for sins
- No one has ever had the authority of Messiah...only JESUS

3. Jesus' Messianic message is communicated through His disciples (Matthew 10)

- Jesus gives authority to His disciples: The message is still relevant today, as is His power!
- Jesus cautions His disciples: Humility must characterize the heart of the messenger
- Jesus challenges His disciples: The message will not normally be received well, but PREACH ON!
- We are not called to be spectators, but we are to be communicators of Jesus' message

Don't let this Christmas season be focused on the feelings and traditions of the season, but rather on the message of the Christ of CHRISTmas!

1. Identity of the Messiah: How do Matthew 1:21-23 and Matthew 3:17 clarify who Jesus is, and why is His identity essential to His message?
2. Fulfillment of Scripture: How do the Old Testament prophecies quoted in Matthew 1-2 strengthen your confidence in the reliability of Scripture? (Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2)
3. Jesus' Call to Repentance: What does Jesus' first message, "Repent" (Matthew 4:17), reveal about the kingdom of heaven? How does it compare to Acts 2:38?
4. Authority in Teaching: Compare Matthew 7:28-29 with John 7:46. Why were people astonished at His teaching? How did Jesus' teaching differ from the teaching of the Pharisees and Rabbis?
5. Authority in Miracles: What do Jesus' miracles in Matthew 8-9 teach about His compassion and mission? How does this compare with Isaiah 35:4-6?
6. Commissioning the Disciples: In Matthew 10:7-8, Jesus sends His disciples to proclaim and serve. How does this relate to our calling in Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:8? Explain how it is possible that we proclaim His message through our serving.
7. Cost of Communication: Matthew 10:32-39 presents both promises and costs. How should this shape your daily witness and courage for Christ? What is the significance of understanding the eternality and spirituality of Jesus' Kingdom as compared to earthly kingdoms? Are you willing to sacrifice now for what is to come?
8. Read Psalm 103:2-4; Isaiah 35:4-6; Luke 4:18-21; Acts 2:22; Galatians 4:4-5; Colossians 1:15-20; Hebrews 1:1-3. Explain how each passage relates to the presentation of Jesus as Messiah.