

SERMON OUTLINE

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

'Behold your King' - 1

Matthew 1 v1 - 17

Key Text - 21 v5 (AV) - "Behold, your King....."

Key Question – Is Jesus the King we worship, serve and obey?

A. THE AUTHOR OF THIS BOOK

Who was Matthew? See - 9 v9 - 13. His name means - 'Gift of God'.
See - Rom 6 v23

B. THE MESSAGE OF THIS BOOK

Note - Each of the 4 gospels contain the same gospel (good news) account about what Jesus came to do, but written from different perspectives and with different emphases....

Mark - Jesus, the Servant

Luke - Jesus, the Son of Man

John - Jesus, the Son of God

Matthew - Jesus the King. See - v1a. "Jesus Christ" -Jesus, the Messiah (the Anointed One) - the King.

Chapters 1 to 16 - the King is revealed

Chapters 17 to 27 - the King is rejected

Chapter 28 - the King is resurrected. See, chapters 24 and 25 - the end of the age and the coming again of the King. See - the Parable of the sheep and the goats. Application - What will the King say to you?

'The Genealogy of the King'

A strange (even boring) way to begin a gospel - yet this passage has been used by God as the means of the conversion of at least one person!

'Walking Back to Happiness' - Helen Shapiro, page 268

The purpose of this passage is not just historical, underlining that Jesus was a real flesh and blood human being (He had a family tree), but theological in that it has 4 things to tell us about the God who is the God of the gospel of Jesus Christ. It tells us about.....

1. GOD - AND HIS SOVEREIGN PURPOSE IN THE GOSPEL

Note here the way in which Jesus Christ, the subject of this genealogy, is introduced. See - v1. Key question - Why the son of David and the son of Abraham? Answer - Because of the promises made about each of them.....

A. FROM ABRAHAM THERE WOULD COME A SON TO BLESS THE WORLD

See - Gen 22 v17 - 18a. This blessing was to be the blessing of God's salvation.

B. FROM DAVID THERE WOULD COME A SON TO RULE THE WORLD

See - 2 Sam 7 v13

God's purpose was send a Saviour and a King!

2. GOD - AND HIS SAVING GRACE IN THE GOSPEL

Note here the skeletons in this cupboard. See, Tamar (v3), Rahab (v5), Bathsheba (v6), Ruth (v5) - but all were touched, and moved, and changed by the gospel of God's saving grace.

3. GOD - AND HIS COVENANT FAITHFULNESS IN THE GOSPEL

Note (section 2, v7 - 11) - all kings. But with the exile (v11) the kings (and effectively - the kingdom) came to an end. But God is faithful - He never gave up on His people. See - v12 - 16.

4. GOD - AND HIS ALMIGHTY POWER IN THE GOSPEL

See - v16, notice how the genealogy ends with Joseph who had nothing whatsoever to do with the birth Jesus. How was Jesus born? Through the power of God in the body of Mary.