

Matthew Handout Week Two

Intro:

How did we get the “gospels”

- Authority
- Content
- Universality
- Divine Inspiration:

Why are some parts the same?

What are some parts different?

Gospel of Matthew was most popular...

Author:

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Date:

Origin:

Audience:

Purpose: What does this gospel emphasize

Mat. 1

1. The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Biblos geneseos Iesous christou (anointed)

Gen. 2:4 These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

Gen.5:1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God.

Gen.5:5 Thus all the days that Adam lived were 930 years, and he died... 8 Thus all the days of Seth were 912 years, and he died. 11 Thus all the days of Enosh were 905 years, and he died.

Jesus: Tracing backwards Greek- Iesous, Hebrew/Aramaic Yeshua (Yahweh saves), Old Hebrew Yehoshuah (Yahweh is salvation)

Why does the “human” part matter

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Christ/anointed/Messiah: The seed of the woman Gen.3:15, the seed of Abraham Gen. 22:18, the deliverer of Judah Gen. 49:10, the eternal king on the throne 2 Sam. 7:12, one with the power to heal Isa. 53, 58, and to save and bring justice Isa. 9, 42, Dan. 7

The son of David, the son of Abraham: 2 Sam. 7:11-5, Gen. 12:18, 22

1 Chron. 17:11 When your days are fulfilled to walk with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for me, and I will establish his throne forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from him who was before you, but I will confirm him in my house and in my kingdom forever, and his throne shall be established forever.” In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

2 Abraham was the father of (begat-in the biological sense) Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, 3 and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, 4 and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, 5 and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, 6 and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, 7 and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, 8 and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, 9 and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, 10 and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, 11 and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

12 And after the deportation to Babylon: Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, 13 and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, 14 and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, 15 and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, 16 and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

17 So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

The problems:

What is so cool about the genealogy

- Grounds the story in reality for all time
- Connects Judaism and Christianity, the OT and the NT forever.
- Importance of humanity and evidence of purpose
- Prove proper Jewish origin
- Prove royal bloodline

1 Pt. 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

- Proof that God honors His promises
- Proof that God is sovereign over world events
- Picture of God's long game
- Evidence of how God works

2 Cor. 6:4 but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way...⁷ by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as *unknown*, and yet *well known*....

- Proof that God does choose one over another
- ...the end goal is not exclusion but the benefit of the many

*-The break in begats at v. 16

Most important, most amazing part of the genealogy...

- Living display of God's character
 - This genealogy, from start to finish, preaches the gospel
- Sin

Salvation

- This genealogy teaches, in living color, the amazing extent of God's grace

The guys

The women!

Tamar

Rahab

Ruth

Bathsheba

Mary

God's grace is not based on...

Gal. 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Eph. 1: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ...7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us...13 having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise.

-Finally: Christ appears at the end

We have nothing to hide. Nothing to prove. Nothing to earn. And--Nothing can change that.

1 Tim. 1:4 remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith. The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

Rom. 8:14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that *we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ*

A few more things to consider...

The brothers v. 2,11

Jn. 20:17 Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mat. 12:50 For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.

The groups of 14 Yeah, everyone sees it.

Gematria. א has the value of one. ב, the value of 2 and so forth

David D (4)+ v (6)+ d (4) =

How many generations in each group? How many groups of 14? So how many sevens do we have?
two sevens + two sevens + two sevens -> Final set ->

Discussion

When you reflect on the names in the genealogy, are any of their stories particularly meaningful to you?
Do you see any part of your life story reflected in this genealogy?

What influence did your family background have on your faith? Was it a building block? Was it an obstacle? How has God used it to point to Him?

What strikes you as most amazing about God's grace from this list?

Pray for each other before leaving. That may be the most important thing you do today.