

Rediscovering Jesus in the Jewish Gospels

Jesus Preparation and Presentation

Lesson 12 Matthew 4

If we are to begin to grasp the purpose of God's sovereign design to bring glory to Himself in the redemption of man through the Redeemer of His people Israel, then it is prerequisite to assess the divine and human preparation of Jesus. The volumes that have been filled attempting to do just that, still fall short. A brief overview will improve our perspective as we study the most significant three and a half years in human history, because it is His Story.

Preincarnate Position of Jesus - Member of the Triune Godhead

- Genesis 1:26 "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness"
- John 1:1-3 "All things were made by him" Colossians 1:17
- Daniel 7:13-14 The "son of man" "whose dominion is an everlasting dominion" with the "Ancient of Days"
- Psalm 2:2,12 "His anointed" is "the Son" Those who do not trust in and worship Him will perish.
- Proverbs 30:4 God has a Son and asks what is his name.
- Isaiah 9:6 "Mighty God, Everlasting Father"

Preincarnate Purpose of Redemption - God chose to redeem man by becoming the Redeemer

- Because of sin the restoration of man's relationship with God needed to be provided.
Leviticus 17:11; Numbers 15:20; Ezekiel 18:4,20
- Eternal separation with God was not acceptable Daniel 12:1,2
Some are raised to "everlasting contempt" whose names were not in the "Book of Life."
 - ✓ All have sinned Eccl. 7:20
 - ✓ Man's righteousness is unacceptable Isa. 64:6
 - ✓ Sin has separated man from God Isa. 59:2
 - ✓ A substitute must be sacrificed Gen. 3:21; 4:4-6; Lev. 17:11
 - ✓ Animal sacrifices were not efficacious only a temporary covering.

Heb. 9:12,22; 10:3,11,12

- This substitutionary sacrifice was typified and prophesied through Abraham's test Genesis 22:8-14
"in the mount of the LORD it shall be seen" "God will provide himself a lamb"
- God detailed the substitutionary sacrifice of the Redeemer Isaiah 53
"Wounded for our transgressions", "bruised for our iniquities"
"the chastisement of our peace was upon him" "for the transgression of my people was he stricken."
"it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when Thou wilt make His souls an offering for sin"

- Isaiah 48:12-17
 “Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken In secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, **there am I and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me. Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One,** (Hebrew— “ha’ Moshia” “Messiah”) of Israel.” God is speaking of Himself in first person. In other words: **I God sent Me as the Redeemer.**
- Galatian 4:45 “Made under the Law To redeem them that were under the law”

Incarnate Introduction

- Born of a Jewish virgin Isaiah 7:14; Matt. 1:18-23
- Born in Bethlehem Micah 5:2; Luke 2:1-7
- “Child is born” “son is given”
- “Son of the Highest” Luke 1:31
- The Old Testament/ Tenakh origin of the name Jesus
- “Call His name Jesus” Matt. 1:21
- *Yeshua is the same as יהושע* Yehoshua
 Meaning - “the LORD is salvation.”

Isa 40:10 Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong *hand*, and his arm shall rule for him:
 behold, his reward *is* with him,
 and his work before him.

Isa 62:11 Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion,
Behold, thy salvation יהושע Yeshua cometh;
 behold, his reward *is* with him,
 and his work before him.

Purpose Pronounced

- “he shall save his people from their sins.” Matt. 1:21
- “the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him” Matt. 3:16-17
- “This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased”
- “The Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world” John 1:29

Spiritual Testing

He was led by the Spirit of God Matt 4:1,2

- A prophet like Moses Matt 4:2 Deuteronomy 18:15-29
 - ✓ Moses fasted while receiving the Old Testament Exodus 34:28
 - ✓ Jesus fasted while instituting the New Testament Jeremiah 31:31
- A prophet like Elijah I Kings 19:8 Matt 4:23-24

- The lust of the flesh
 - ✓ Jesus was hungry and weak Matthew 4:2,
 - ✓ Jesus resisted Satan with God's Word. Matthew 4:4 Deuteronomy 8:3
- The pride of life
- He was taken to the highest point of visibility at the Temple Matthew 4:5
 - Multitudes were worshipping.
 - Multitudes were waiting. Malachi 3:1
- ✓ Satan twisted scripture to tempt Jesus Matthew 4:6; Psalm 91:11 "Lest thou dash thy foot"
- ✓ Satan rules by influence among human kingdoms Eph. 2:2 "Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience" 2 Cor 4:4 "god of this world hath blinded the minds of them"
- ✓ The Ancient of Days gives the Son of man the everlasting Kingdom after the Beast is destroyed Dan. 7:14
- ✓ Jesus will be given the kingdoms of the world. Rev 11:15 "And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."
1 Cor 15:24 Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.
- ✓ Jesus currently has all "power" = authority – "Mat 28:18,19 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
- ✓ Jesus rebuked Satan with scripture Matthew 4:7 Deuteronomy 4:16

He began his ministry offering the Kingdom Matthew 4:17

- John the messenger is silenced. Matthew 4:12
- Jesus the Messiah shines. Matthew 4:13-16
 - ✓ To Israel Matthew 4:13-15
 - ✓ To the Gentiles Matthew 4:16 Isaiah 9:2 & 49:6,7
- Jesus the Messiah speaks.
 - ✓ Of repentance Matthew 4:17
 - ✓ Of the coming kingdom Matthew 4:17, 23
 - ✓ Of discipleship: from fishermen to fishers of men Matthew 4:18-22
 - Following Jesus the Messiah
 - Fishing for more followers
- Jesus the Messiah heals. Matthew 4:23-25 Isaiah 35:6,7