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MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

Matthew: An Introduction

WHAT is a GOSPEL?

1. ***Evangelion*** means “good news.” A *gospel* proclaims the good news of the arrival of the Savior through the presentation of Jesus, His life, teaching and His substitutionary death on the cross for our sins.
2. The gospels primarily present a case, an argument for Who Jesus of Nazareth is, and what He did.

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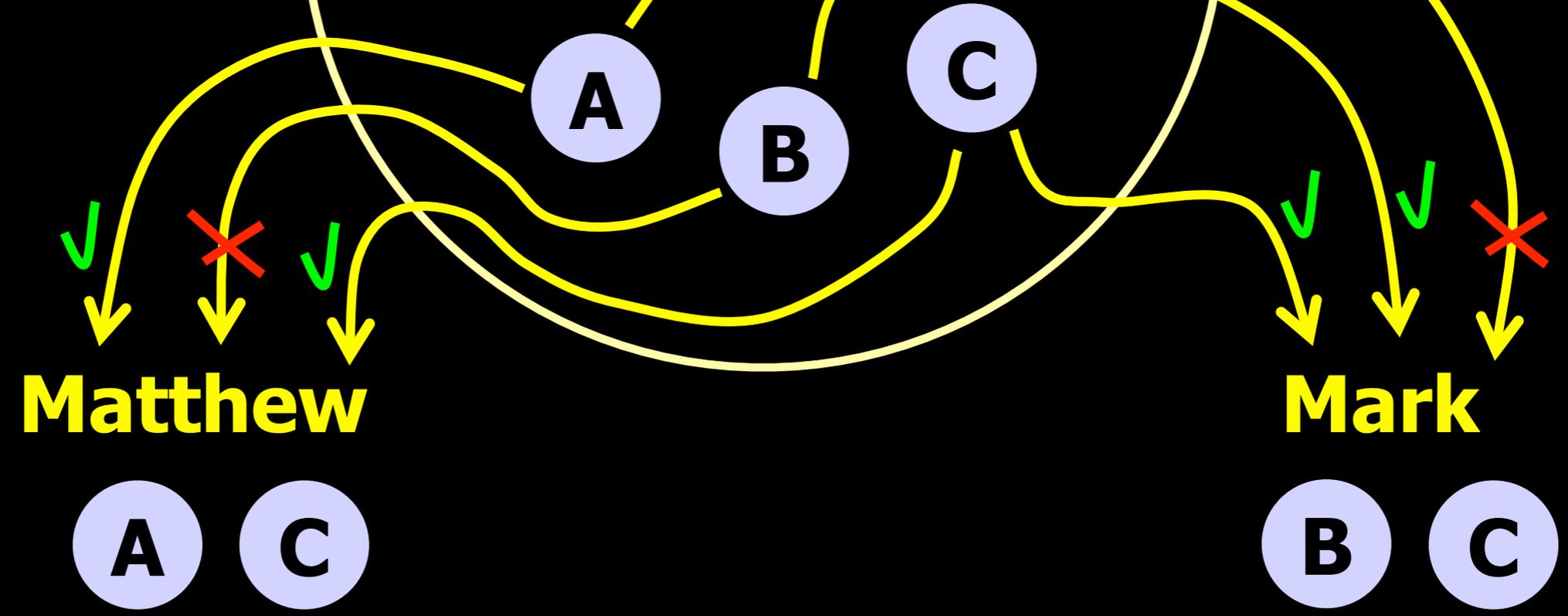
Matthew: Jesus the Messiah, the King of the Jews

Mark: Jesus the Servant of the Lord

Luke: Jesus, the Son of Man

John: Jesus the Son of God

Everything Jesus
ever said or did



John 20:30, “And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;

John 20:31, “but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”

WHAT is a GOSPEL?

- 3. Only Luke is written in a chronological order as we understand history. The other synoptic gospel writers, Matthew and Mark, arrange some of their material chronologically, but other material is arranged thematically.**
- 4. All of the material is divinely inspired.**

2 Tim. 3:16, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God [*theopneustos*–‘God breathed’], and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

2 Tim. 3:17, “that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

John 14:26, “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”

The Recipients:

Jewish Christians facing opposition, persecution, and eventually the destruction of the Temple.

The Jewish Character of Matthew:

- 1. Style of writing**
- 2. Vocabulary**
- 3. Jewish subject matter**
- 4. Old Testament quotations**
- 5. Genealogy emphasizes Abraham and David**
- 6. Emphasis on Peter**
- 7. Mentions but does not explain Jewish customs or titles**

The Jewish Character of Matthew:

Matt. 2:1, “Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,”

Matt. 2:22, “But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee.”

Matt. 14:1, “At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the report about Jesus”

Luke 2:1, “And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

Luke 2:2 “This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria.”

Luke 3:1, “Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene,”

The Jewish Character of Matthew:

8. The testimony of the early church.

Irenaeus: “Matthew issued a written Gospel among the Hebrews,” and “The Gospel of St. Matthew was written for the Jews”

Origen: St. Matthew wrote for the Hebrews

Eusebius: “Matthew ... delivered his Gospel to his countrymen.”

The Purpose of the Book

- 1. To convince his Jewish audience that Jesus was indeed the prophesied Messiah, and thus the rightful heir to the Davidic throne.**

The Purpose of the Book

Matt. 1:1, “The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:”

Jesus Xristos = Yeshua Ha Meshiach, Jesus the Messiah

Meshiach = Xristos = Anointed One

The Purpose of the Book

- 2. To show why the kingdom had been postponed despite the arrival of the King.**
- 3. To explain God's interim program that the sons of the kingdom will experience as well as the coming of the Church and the Church Age.**

The Theme of the Book

To show that Jesus was the Messianic, Davidic King and that the Kingdom had been offered, rejected, and postponed.

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Matt. 21:5, “Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.’ ”

Zech. 9:9, “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.”

Isa. 62:11, “Indeed the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the world: ‘Say to the daughter of Zion, “Surely your salvation is coming; Behold, His reward is with Him, And His work before Him.” ’ ”

A Gospel Designed to Teach

- 1. Indicated by the way he groups material.**
- 2. Emphasis on discourses: Of the 1071 verses, 60% contain Christ's teaching.**

The Sermon on the Mount (5–7)

The Missionary Discourse (10)

The Kingdom Parables (13)

The Humility Discourse (18)

The Olivet Discourse (24–25)

A Gospel Designed to Teach

- 3. The use of prophecy teaches about the Messiah**
- 4. Grammar**
- 5. Use of the verb “disciple”**

Matt. 28:19, “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Matt. 28:20, “teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.”

μαθητεύω *mathēteuō*

to make a disciple of, teach, to train