

# SOCO COMMUNITY GROUPS

SPRING 2021

WEEK EIGHT : MATTHEW 1 AND 4

**Week 8 / YouTube Video:** <https://youtu.be/vKs6UJbGEY4>

## MATTHEW 1

Where are we in the story?

- ❑ 2 Chronicles - last book of Hebrew Old Testament - left off with Judah in captivity in Babylon then by Persian but the Persian king Cyrus issued a decree that Israel could return to their homeland but still under Persian rule. We are left with an anticipation "may the Lord his God be with him" of a coming Messiah to free them from slavery and return them to the peace and prosperity of Leviticus 26.
- ❑ In history, Greece overthrew the Persians and Rome conquered Greece. So when Jesus is born, the Jews are still slaves but under Roman rule.

## **What does it mean?**

### 1. Genealogy of Jesus (v. 1-17)

#### A. 3 time frames

##### i. Abraham (Gen 15)

Isaac, Jacob (Israel) 12 sons - Judah (Gen 49:10)

a. Ruth - great grandmother of David

b. Ruth 4:18-22 and Matthew 1:3-6 almost identical

##### ii. David (1 Sam 17)

a. Solomon

b. Rehoboam - divided kingdom (southern - Judah)

##### iii. Babylon slavery (2 Chronicles 36)

Messiah v. 1, 16, 17 "anointed One"

### 2. Birth of Jesus (v. 18-25)

i. conceived by the Holy Spirit: not by Joseph, virgin at time of birth v. 25

ii. v. 23 quote Isaiah 7:14

## **What does it mean today?**

- Who is Jesus to you?

## MATTHEW 4:1-11

### **Where are we in the story?**

- ❑ Jesus is now approximately 30 years old and beginning his public preaching. He is baptized by John and voice from Heaven said "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased" (3:17) reference to Psalm 2:7 - son of divine origin (1:18)
- ❑ Ex. 12:50 "all the sons of Israel did just as Moses commanded" the exodus
- ❑ Hosea 11:1 "Israel was a youth I loved him" - remember analogy of being toddler and needing to be told how to live - "out of Egypt I called my son"
- ❑ Calling all "sons" of Israel (Ex 12) his "Son" as one people group (Hosea 11:1)
- ❑ Jesus is to be the true Israel
- ❑ Jesus had to flee persecution of the killing of newborns (Matt 2:16) like Moses (Ex. 1:22)
- ❑ Jesus came out of Egypt (Matt 2:13) to the promised land (Matt 2:21) (Gen 15)

### **What does it mean?**

#### MUST HAVE READ DT. 6-9

- ❑ v.1-2 Lead into wilderness 40 days to be tempted by devil
  - ❑ Dt. 8 - Israel made to wander in wilderness for 40 years for their sin of unbelief
  - ❑ v. God humble you, let you be hungry, testing you - to know what is in your heart -God provided their food "manna"
- ❑ v. 3 Satan speaks (only other time Satan spoke to man Gen 3)
  - ❑ IF - and you are (Matt 2:17)
  - ❑ not questioning what God said, knows won't get Jesus to question this, asking Jesus to prove it to be true
  - ❑ Nothing inherently wrong with what Satan is asking - he is asking Jesus to act independently of God
- ❑ v. 4 Quote of Dt. 8:3 (fed you with manna you did not know)
  - ❑ Jesus is saying "God will provide for me"
- ❑ v.5-6 quote from Psalm 91:11-12
  - ❑ asking Jesus to prove that God will protect him
- ❑ v.7 Dt. 6:16 from a story in Ex 17:7 - place of Massah just after leaving Egypt (Ex 12)
  - ❑ "tested God saying "Is the Lord among us or not?"

- ❑ Jesus is saying God will protect me when I need protecting - I am not going to put myself into situation where I need protecting to prove that He will do it"
  - ❑ Even King Ahaz knew this (Is. 7:12)
  
- ❑ v. 8-9 "all the kingdoms of the world"
  - ❑ Basically a shortcut (Rev 7:9-10 all tribes and peoples and tongues salvation belongs to God and to the Lamb) to being ruler without the cross
  - ❑ Just submit to Satan instead of God - giving Jesus all the power
  
- ❑ v. 10 Dt. 6:13 context v. 5, not serve other gods or gods of people around you (Josh 24)
  
- ❑ v. 11 Dt. 32:8-12
  
- ❑ Point - Jesus "relived" Israel history and where they failed, he did it correctly - Jesus is the true Israel

### **What does it mean today?**

- ❑ Israel's temptation was their failure to believe God in what he said and failure to live according to what He said. Jesus did believe what God had said and lived it out correctly.
  
- ❑ What ways are you tempted to not believe what God has said and what will you do differently?