

Sunday, December 10, 2023

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Title: Matthew Presents the King

Series: First Advent 2023 ... 1

Text: Matthew 1 & 2

Purpose: I want to PERSUADE my congregation that the Holy Spirit, through Matthew (the tax collector), gives four evidences (facts) that Christ Jesus is the Promised King!

Introduction:

~ In the Old Testament, both royalty and the priesthood, depended on the family line (heredity).

~ Daniel 2:48, *"Then the king gave Daniel high honors and many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon."*

1. Matthew Reveals Christ's Heredity:

~ Matthew gives the HUMAN and the DIVINE heredity of our Lord Jesus Christ:

~ Humans, Matthew 1:1- 17

~ Divine, Matthew 1:18 - 25

~ The heredity of Christ Jesus in Matthew is through His foster father, Joseph, while Luke gives the lineage through Mary, Luke 3:23.

~ The lineage also reveals that Jewish history prepared the path for the Messiah King/Savior!

~ The Divine heredity of Christ Jesus: Matthew 1:16 – 18 shows NO earthly father, the Holy Spirit was the agent (Luke 1:26 – 38 and Isaiah 7:14). Also see Genesis 3:15, 22:18, 49:10 and 2 Samuel 7:12 – 13.

~ Notice the three names that Matthew gives: Jesus (Joshua) means Savior; Christ means the Anointed One; Emmanuel means God with Us (Isaiah 7:14 and 8:8).

2. Matthew Reveals the Witness of the Magi:

~ Matthew 2:1 - 12

~ We know little about these men (Magi), they studied the stars; were they connected to magic or to astronomy.

~ They were given a special sign, a star that led them

~ They worshipped the Christ Child; gentiles among the first to come and worship (Cf. John 4:42).

~ They were seeking a KING; is this in some way connected to Daniel? (approximately 500 years)

~ Herod was not a Jew. He was Idumean, a descendant of Esau.

~ The priest knew where the Christ was to be born, in Bethlehem, just 10.5 Km away; but they did not go to worship the new born King (Micah 5:2 and John 6:48).

3. Matthew Reveals the Hostility Against the King:

~ Matthew 2:13 - 18

~ Hosea 11:1, *"When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son."*

~ For Jacob Bethlehem was a place of death, Rachel was buried there; for believers it is a place of life.

~ Isaiah 53:3, *"He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised and we esteemed him not."*

4. Matthew Reveals the Humility of the King:

~ Matthew 2:19 - 23

~ John 1:46, *"Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."*

~ John 7:50 – 52

Conclusion:

Philippians 2:5 - 13