

Matthew

The King starts His public ministry

The King's Call.

A call to salvation.

A call to service.

A call to sacrifice.

A call to separated leadership.

A call to shepherd.

There is a pattern of growth.

Remember that Matthew's purpose for writing this gospel is to present Jesus as the Messiah/King to the Jews.

He was the only gospel writer to record the visit of the Wisemen to show the King's royal reception.

After Jesus' baptism and temptation, Matthew moves forward a year in time between 4:11 and 12.

John the Baptist is thrown in prison and Jesus can now take the next step in His ministry.

Matthew focuses on yet another prophecy that Jesus fulfills 4:13-16.

In His First Coming, Jesus fulfilled over 300 prophecies about His life.

Isa. 9:1-5

The area of Zabulon and Nephthalim was occupied by Gentiles.

Those tribes never drove them out.

That is why we see it called Galilee of the Gentiles and Galilee of the nations.

Even though Matthew is focused on the king of the Jews, he is also bridging the gap to the Gentiles.

Isaiah's prophecy deals with Messiah's First and Second Comings being in areas of Gentiles that would be in darkness.

Isa. 9:6-7

The Great Light.

John 1:1-4 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

In the Feast of Tabernacles, the Temple was illuminated until the end of the feast and then they were allowed to burn out.

Then, Jesus spoke these words.

John 9:5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

John 12:46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

This Light would appear in the regions of the Gentiles.

So, Jesus start His public ministry in Galilee.

Matt. 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

This marks the three divisions in the book of Matthew. 16:21

The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Not the church.

Not the age of grace.

This is the kingdom promised to the Children of Israel throughout the Old Testament.

Dan. 2:44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

Notice: God will set up the Kingdom.

People do not bring in the kingdom.

The King brings the Kingdom.

Jesus' ministry. 4:23

Teaching – instruction.

Preaching – proclaiming.

Healing – serving, wait upon menially.

These are the same thing that we should do.

Jesus' healing was for a sign.

Signs and wonders were to cause the Jews to believe in God.

Matt. 12:28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

Who Jesus healed. 4:23-25

Those which were possessed with devils – spiritual problems.

Those which were lunatic – mental problems.

Those that had the palsy – physical problems.

Jesus healed them all. He can handle it.

Many came to see Jesus.

Some to see the show.

Some to get help.

Some to follow.

