Bible Story: Matthew

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INTRODUCTION

- As we open the New Testament, we find the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem, giving birth to the Savior. This is the consummation of many Old Testament prophecies.
- In the fullness of time, God sent forth his son, born of a woman born under the law.
- Isaiah 7:14 had promised seven and a half centuries before it happened that a woman would bring a child into the world.

1 Matthew Stressed the Kingdom of Christ

Matthew 1:21; Revelation 17:14; 1 Timothy 6:15

- Thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins.
- The book of Matthew was addressed to the Jewish audience and stressed the kingdom of Christ, correcting their mistaken views of the Messianic reign.
- The kingdom of Christ is the rule and reign in the hearts and lives of men and women by Jesus Christ.
- It is not carnal, mundane, secular, earthy, shallow, but it is a spiritual rule from within our hearts and lives.

2 John the Baptizer Preached Repent

Matthew 3; Acts 2:38; Psalm 119:172

- It isn't a message that's pleasant, but it's one that's urgent and necessary.
- Repent and be baptized, and repentance precedes baptism.
- The real key to the plan of salvation is not baptism but repentance.
- Imperfect human beings will argue and say I don't have to be baptized. But Jesus, who was perfect, said he had to be.

3 Holy Spirit Baptism Was a Promise

Acts 1:5; Acts 2:4; Acts 11:15–16

- Matthew 3 makes Holy Spirit baptism a promise which the Lord would fulfill.
- A promise is fulfilled by the one who gave it. Commands are obeyed to those they're issued to. Holy Spirit baptism was never commanded of anybody.
- Holy Spirit baptism found its consummation on the day of Pentecost, Acts 2, when the Jews received the gospel, and Acts 11, when the Gentiles received it.
- When you've read Matthew 3, Acts 2, and Acts 11, you've read all there is about Holy Spirit baptism in the whole Bible.

4 The Temptation of Our Lord: It Is Written

1 John 2:15–17; Hebrews 4:15; 1 Corinthians 10:13

- There are only three avenues through which humanity can be tempted? The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the vain glory or pride of life.
- He was able to send the devil on his way by saying, It is written. It is written. Jesus knew the scriptures.
- The more we hide the word of God in our heart, the less we'll sin against God ourselves.
- When we're tempted, if we send the devil on his way, the Lord will add blessings to our lives.

5 The Wondrous Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5:43–48; Matthew 19:6; Malachi 2:16

- You're the salt of the earth. Salt preserves, salt flavors, salt stings. And we ought to sting sinners with truth.
- He intended for one man and one woman to live together for life.
- No man uninspired would ever say, Pray for those that despitefully use you. Love your enemies. Return good for evil.
- Unless we build upon the rock, upon Jesus Christ, our house will crumble into the dust.

6 Upon This Rock I Will Build My Church

1 Corinthians 10:4; 1 Corinthians 3:11; Acts 20:28

- This confession Peter had uttered that thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God, upon this rock, and that rock is Christ.
- Upon this rock I will build my church. And the gates of Hades, meaning the bars of death cannot withstand it.
- He purchased the church with his own blood.

MY NOTES