

# MATTHEW

## JESUS THE MESSIAH

Living in the Meantime  
Till Messiah comes again.

Besides Q Sayings, What does Matthew add to Mark?

Genealogy  
Birth Narrative  
Post-Resurrection Appearances  
The idea of a Church

Genealogy  
From Abraham to David.  
From David to the Babylonian Exile.  
From the Exile to Joseph, the husband of Mary.

What is the Genealogy supposed to demonstrate?

That Jesus is the Messiah.  
The fulfillment of Prophecy.

## Birth Narrative

Echoing what OT story?

Designed to establish that Jesus is a second Moses –  
Bearer of a **New Covenant**:

Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. (5:17-18)

How does this understanding of Law differ from Paul's?

## What other purpose is served by the birth story?

Legitimation

Two scandals:  
Questionable Parentage  
Shameful Death

Again and again, Matthew adds material  
designed to establish Jesus' credentials as

Law-giver & Prophet  
&

as the Fulfillment of Old testament Prophecy:

An evil and adulterous generation asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so for three days and three nights the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth. The people of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the proclamation of Jonah, and see, something greater than Jonah is here!

(12:39-41)

## Post-Resurrection Appearances:

Jesus came and said to the [disciples], “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (28:18-20)

## The Establishment of a Church Postponing the End Time