

MATTHEW 2-4

Note: These chapters will take two weeks for us to consider, but as they are on unit, I am consolidating the lessons.

I) Review

- Matthew shows that Jesus is _____.
- Within the outline, chapters 3-4 are a part of the _____.

II) The Story of Matthew 2-4

1. Let's start with the big picture of these chapters. Reading through the narrative, what would you consider the major events?
2. Listening for echoes of the OT in the narrative, what other story do these main events remind you of?

III) The Use of the OT in Matthew

Matthew is the second-most NT book saturated with the OT. Revelation contains an estimated 249 OT quotations while Matthew has 96. John, by contrast, has 40. So let's focus on the purpose of these quotations.

3. Looking at the OT quotations in Matthew 1-4, what is the author trying to demonstrate to us about Jesus?

Mt. 1:3-6 (Ruth 4:18-22)

Mt. 1:22-23 (Isa. 7:14)

Mt. 1:23 (Isa. 8:8-10)

Mt. 2:5-6 (Mic. 5:2)

Mt. 2:15 (Hos. 11:1)

Mt. 2:17-18 (Jer. 31:15)

Mt. 2:23 (Isa. 11:1)

Mt. 3:3 (Isa. 40:3)

Mt. 4:4 (Deut. 8:3)

Mt. 4:6 (Ps. 91:11-12)

Mt. 4:7 (Deut. 6:16)

Mt. 4:10 (Deut. 6:13)

Mt. 4:14-16 (Isa. 9:1-2)

IV) Guiding Questions for Matthew 2-4

4. How is Jesus described in 2:2?
5. What was Herod's ancestry? Google this.
6. Any ideas what star the wise men saw?
7. Where were the wise men from?
8. Why did Jesus and His family go to Egypt (2:13-23)?
9. What was John's message (3:1-6)?
10. Why did John respond so strongly to the Pharisees and Sadducees (3:7-12)?
11. Why was Jesus baptized (3:13-17)?
12. Where else in Matthew does the Father call Jesus the "beloved Son" (3:17)?
13. Is there a better way to translate "if you are the Son of God..."?
14. Look at the Psalm 91 context for context (Mt. 4:6). This is amazing.
15. When else did angels attend to Jesus (4:11)?
16. What message does Jesus proclaim in 4:17?