



OneKC2024 wk1: Jesus Messiah

Introduction: Each of the Gospels, while being inspired by God, was written to different audiences with some goals in mind. Matthew was writing to primarily Jewish Christians and one of the things he wants them to see is how Jesus is the promised Messiah. Jesus as Messiah still matters to us today.

Discussion Questions

1. Easter is around 7 weeks from now. In the past, how have you participated in preparing for that day? When you hear terms like Lent, what comes to mind? What value may there be in the Christians of Kansas City preparing for Easter by reading through the Gospels together?
2. Matthew wants his Jewish readers to know that Jesus is the Messiah, so he quotes more Old Testament passages than the other writers. He also bridges the gap from prophets to Jesus. **Read Malachi 4:5-6 and Matthew 3:1-3.** How are those passages connected?
3. Read Matthew 3:16-17 Why was Jesus baptized or what does it mean to fulfill all righteousness? How do the words of God speak of identity, and why did they matter coming before the temptation in the desert?
4. Read **Matthew 4:3-11** In what ways are the temptations that Jesus faced common to man? Jeremy said in the sermon that they centered around Appetites, Approval, and Ambition. Respond to that idea.
5. How was Jesus prepared for temptation? How can you stand during temptation?
6. There was a quote near the end of the sermon that said, "What Jesus defeated in the desert personally, He defeated at the cross permanently." What does that mean for us? How can you be confident in your struggles against sin and temptation?

Shaping Your Mind – *"Away from me Satan! For it is written..." Matthew 4:10*

Moving Forward – *What Jesus defeated in the desert personally, He defeated at the cross permanently!*