

# The Gospel according to Matthew



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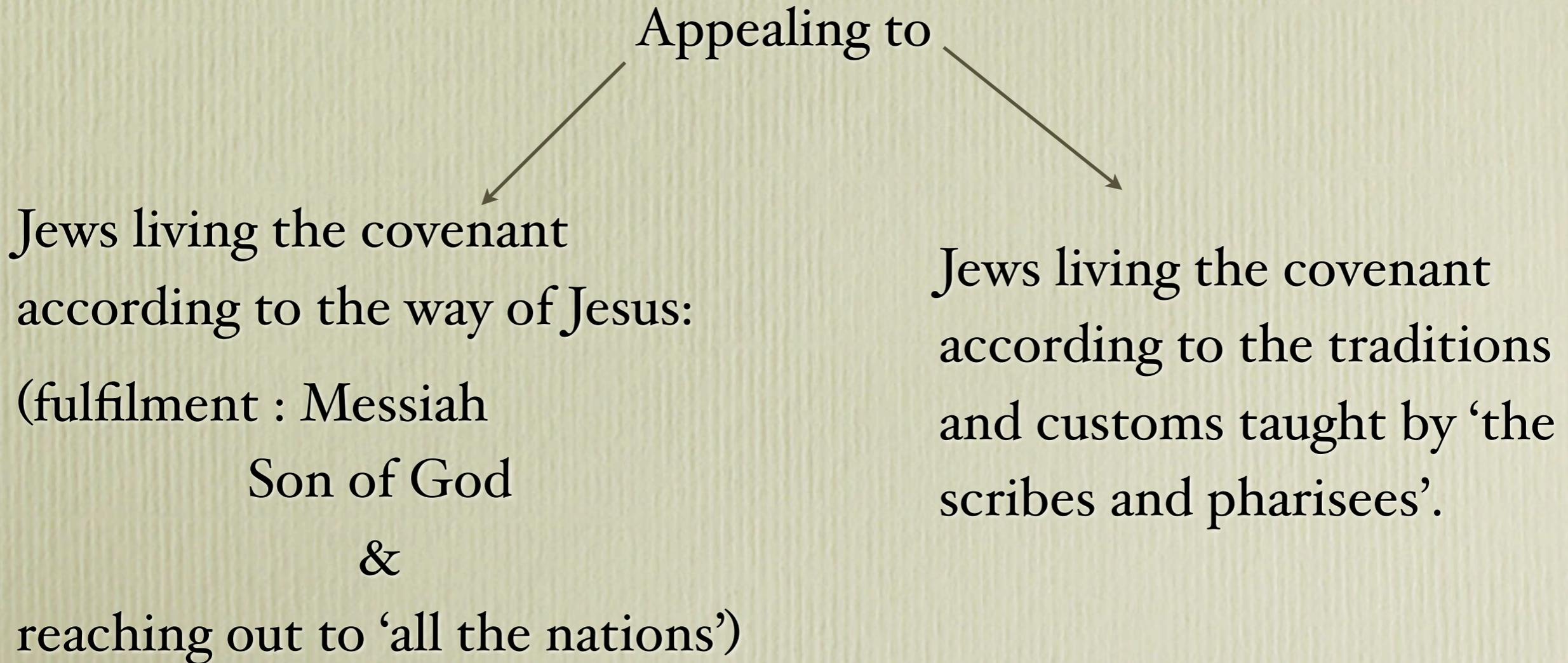
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Looks back to OT : Jesus as Fulfilment

Looks forward to world mission

‘things new and old’(13:52)

Appealing to



Jews living the covenant  
according to the way of Jesus:

(fulfilment : Messiah

Son of God

&

reaching out to ‘all the nations’)

Jews living the covenant  
according to the traditions  
and customs taught by ‘the  
scribes and pharisees’.

## Matthew 1:1; 18-25

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Joseph, you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.”

## Matthew 2 (constant references to OT)

- The whole world is attracted to Jesus

(Magi following the star to Bethlehem: Micah 5:2)

- Joseph, Mary & Jesus flee to Egypt (like Jacob and his family)
- Suffering for those associated with Jesus (Bethlehem)

(Jeremiah 31:18 Rachel weeping for her children)

- Joseph, Mary & Jesus journey from Egypt to the Promised Land

(Hosea 11:1 'I called my son out of Egypt')

# Matthew 3 The Baptist and Jesus - see Mark

## Matthew 4:1-11

- Jesus tested 40 days and 40 nights in the wilderness
  1. 'One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'  
(Deuteronomy 8:3)
  2. 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'  
(Deuteronomy 6:16)
  3. 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him alone.'  
(Deuteronomy 6:13)

Mark 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.

They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Episode of man in the synagogue

At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Matthew 4:23-25

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. So his fame spread through-out all Syria ... And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

Insert Matthew 5-7

Matthew 7:28-29

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

## Matthew 5-7

Jesus is the new Moses bringing the new Law down from the mountain

## Exodus 24:12

YHWH said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.”

## Matthew 5:1-2

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them:

## Matthew 5:3-5

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit.  
Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.’

‘Blessed are those who mourn.  
They will be comforted.’

(see Matthew 8-9; read 2Cor 1:3-7)

‘Blessed are the meek.  
They will inherit the earth.’

‘Love has space enough to hold and to bear everything and everyone  
love believes all things, hopes all things, and endures whatever comes.  
Love does not come to an end’(1Corinthians 13:7-8).

## Matthew 5:6-9

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.  
They will be satisfied.’

‘Blessed are the merciful.  
They will receive mercy.’

‘Blessed are the pure in heart.  
They will see God.’

‘Blessed are the peacemakers.  
They will be called children of God.’

## Matthew 5:10-12

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.’

‘Rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you’(1Peter 4:13-14).

## Matthew 5:17-20

Do not think that I have come to abolish (kataluo) the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil.

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.

## Ephesians. 2:15

He has abolished (katargeo : dislodged; set aside) the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace,

## Matthew 5:21-48

‘It was said to you of old, but I say to you’.

Jesus’ goes to the heart of the commandments

## Love with God's love Matthew 5:43-48

You have heard that it was said, “You shall love your neighbour  
[Leviticus 19:18] and hate your enemy.”

But I say to you, Love [agapan] your enemies and pray for those who  
persecute you

contrast Sirach 12:1-7

Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

## Matthew 6:1-18

Jesus' does the same for practices of piety

Almsgiving, prayer and fasting

## Matthew 8-9

10 scenes of Jesus liberating power - from Mark

- Adds healing of the centurion's servant (8:5-13)

‘Many will come from east and west and will eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the heirs of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness’(Matthew 8:11-12)

## Matthew 10 : Call to mission

### Matthew 9:36-38 Introduction to Mission discourse

‘When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.’

## Matthew 10:28-31

‘Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul;  
rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them  
will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

And even the hairs of your head are all counted.

So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many  
sparrows.’

# Matthew 11-12     Israel rejects its Messiah

## Matthew 11:4-6

‘Go and tell John what you hear and see:

the blind receive their sight,

the lame walk,

the lepers are cleansed,

the deaf hear,

the dead are raised,

and the poor have good news brought to them.

And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.”

## Matthew 11:25-27

1. Rejected by religious leaders
2. Failure of the cities to believe
3. Pharisees conspiring to destroy him

‘At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.’



Matthew 11:28-29

Torah as interpreted by the Prophets      Matthew 12:1-8

‘Jesus went through the grainfields on the sabbath; his disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat ...

If you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice,’ (Hosea 6:6; see Matthew 9:13) you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of Man is lord of the sabbath.”

## Matthew 13 - Parables of the kingdom - see Mark

### Matthew 13:44-46

‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it’.