



The Way Prepared

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INTRODUCTION

- Our goal is to see Jesus for who he is, live like him, and live with his people. This is not something you do alone.
- Jesus didn't just teach rules to follow. He was teaching a way of life.
- The opening words of Matthew 1 and 2 tell you that if you want to understand what's about to happen, you need to know the Old Testament.

1 Jesus Is a New Beginning

Romans 5; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Matthew 11:28–30

- This is the book of Genesis. This is the book of origin. He is a new beginning. This is new creation.
- Jesus is recreating the world. He is the new creation. He is the new Adam.
- I want you to know that Jesus is about fresh starts. And he can work new creation in my life and in your life too.
- If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away and the new has come.
- You think God can't take your messy life and create it anew?
- Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

2 The Fulfillment of Old Testament Promises

2 Samuel 7; Matthew 1:22–23; Isaiah 7:14

- This book of Genesis of Jesus, is so important that he is connected to David and to Abraham, two key figures in the Old Testament.
- Christ is not his last name, it's a title. He's the Messiah. It speaks to the fact that he is king.
- The whole message here is that God is now restoring the kingdom.
- Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, God with us.
- You can have hope and trust in Jesus Christ because he is perfect. And he will rule with righteousness and justice.
- This is the nature of what true leadership looks like. It is sacrificial, it is not self-focused.

3 He Is Also a New Israel

Matthew 4:1–11; Deuteronomy 8:3; Deuteronomy 6:13

- He is reliving the story of Israel, but he's doing it right.
- As he's facing temptation, he's looking to Scripture.
- Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

- As they've come through the water and they're being led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted, and while they fail, Jesus lives this life with success, with victory.
- As we walk, we fail. We don't always do things right. But we follow one who didn't fail.
- He demonstrates his authority to forgive sins through physical healing. And ultimately by overcoming death himself.

THE CHALLENGE

The only way to turn our lives around is through Jesus Christ. But he invites us to do that, he tells us to come to Him and He will give us rest. You want rest this morning? Why don't you come now?

MY NOTES
