

The King

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Matthew 3:13-4:11

Proverbs 20:6, *Many a man proclaims his own steadfast love, but a faithful man who can find?*

The New Testament opens after 400 years of silence. No prophet speaks until a “voice” cries, “*In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*” (**Isaiah 40:3**). That voice belongs to John the Baptist, who was a cousin of our Lord.

Why do we have four Gospels? The four gospels are needed to represent the life of Jesus Christ to the world fully: Matthew (King of the Jews), Mark (Suffering Servant), Luke (Son of Man), and John (Son of God)

Matthew “Sums Up” The Story of Israel The Recapitulation

Matthew intentionally shapes his narrative to portray Jesus as reenacting, fulfilling, and completing the entire story of Israel and the life of Moses—showing Him as the true Israel, the greater Moses, and the climax of the biblical story.

Israel	Jesus	Explanation
Israel is established on the story of barrenness and miraculous births. 1. Sarah (Abraham)— bear no children (Gen 16:1-2) 2. Rebekah (Isaac)— was barren (Gen 25:41) 3. Rachel (Jacob) – was barren (Gen 30:1)	A virgin conceived and bore a Son (Matthew 1:22-25 ; cf. Isaiah 7:14 , <i>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.</i>	The miracle of the virgin birth was the culmination of a divine symphony of events, carefully orchestrated to advance God’s plan of redemption. Galatians 4:4 , <i>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,</i>
Israel (Jacob and the 70) flees to Egypt to escape death by famine. (Genesis 46:1)	Joseph, Mary, and the Son of God, Jesus, flee the wrath of Herod and go to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15).	Cf. Hosea 11:1; Jeremiah 31:15 (Hosea 11:1 , <i>When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.</i>
Israel is called “God’s son.” Ex 4:22 , <i>Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the Lord, Israel is my firstborn son,</i>	Jesus declared God’s Son Mt 3:17 , <i>And behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”</i>	Called out of Egypt, Jesus is the true Israel. (He embodied God’s character, lived His law, represented His kingdom, and blessed all nations) Mt 2:15
Israel passes through the waters (Red Sea) (Ex 14:21-31).	Jesus passes through baptism (Mt 3:13-17)	A new beginning for God’s people. The baptism of Jesus was the official start of His public ministry (Acts 10:37-38).
Israel tested for 40 years in the wilderness	Jesus is tested 40 days in the wilderness (Mt 4:1-11)	Jesus obeys where Israel rebelled (seen in the history of Numbers).
Israel wanders under Moses.	Jesus ascends a mountain and delivers the Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5-7)	Jesus is the greater Moses. (Heb 3:3-6 ; cf. Jn 5:45-47)
Israel is composed of 12 tribes.	Jesus calls twelve disciples.	The twelve disciples, called by Jesus, are sent out to represent His kingdom (Matthew 10)

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Romans 10:17, *So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.*