



Path of the Messiah

Disappointing Messiah

Recap

And I will put enmity between **you** and the **woman**, and between **your offspring** and **hers**; **he** will crush your **head**, and **you** will strike his **heel.**” vs 15

Recap

Even my close friend, someone I trusted, one who shared my bread, has turned against me. **Psalm 41:9, 1000 BC**

I told them, “If you think it best, give me my pay; but if not, keep it.” So they paid me thirty pieces of silver.
Zechariah 11:12, 520 BC

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
Zechariah 9:9, 520 BC

They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.
Zechariah 12:10, 520 BC

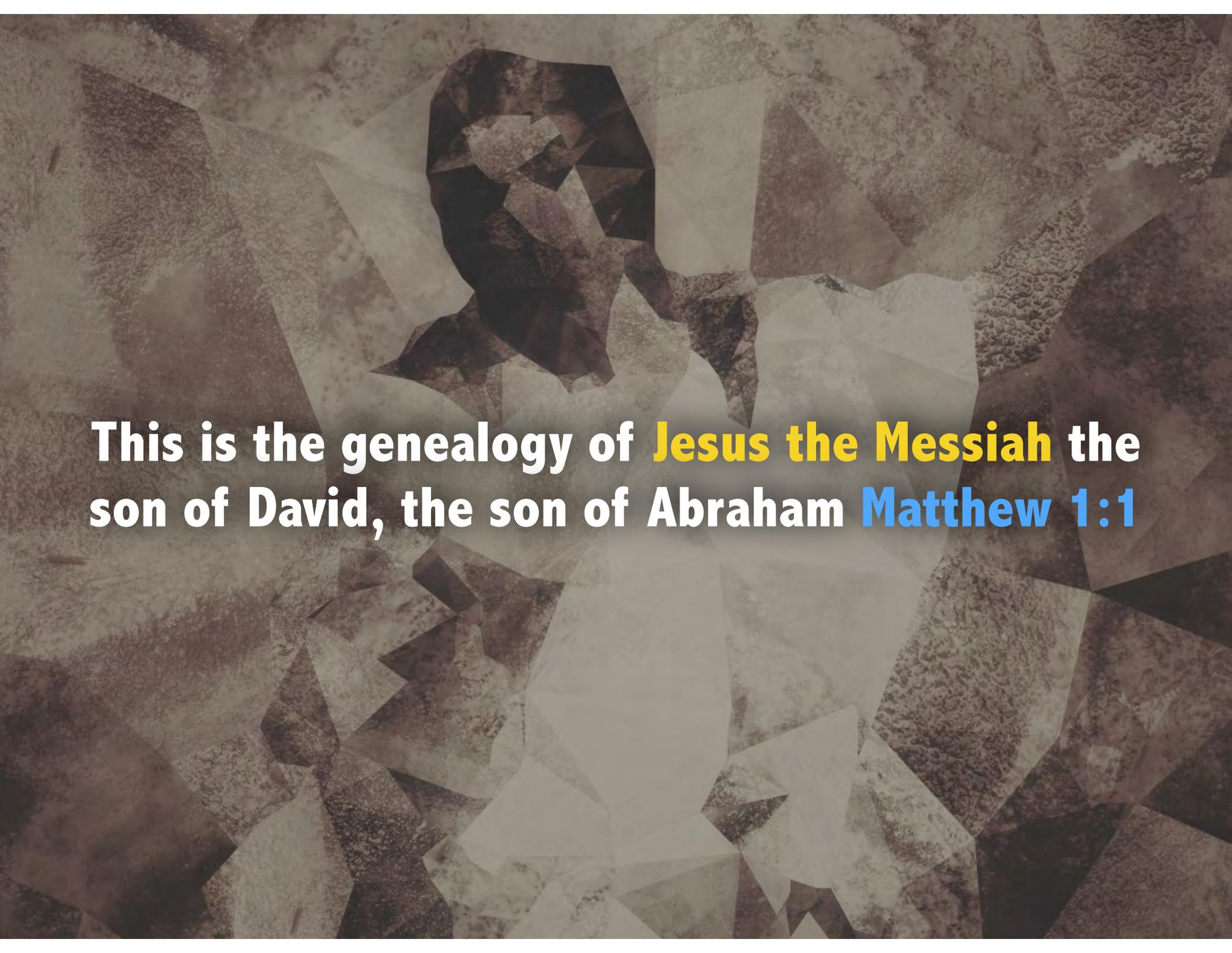
Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce my hands and my feet. All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me. They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment. **Psalm 22:16-18, 1000 BC**

Recap

The word “Messiah” is from the Hebrew word “Mashiach” which means “**anointed one**”. In the Greek, this Hebrew word is literally translated as “Khristos” from which we got the English word “Christ”. So “Christ” exactly means “Messiah” or “Anointed One”.

Recap

“thrones were set in place, and the **Ancient of Days** took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.” **Daniel 7:9-10**



This is the genealogy of **Jesus the Messiah** the son of David, the son of Abraham **Matthew 1:1**



Messiah

Temple

Easter

King

Priest

Prophet

Passover

Sacrifice System

The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” **John 4:25**

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because **he has anointed me**” ...He began by saying to them, “Today **this scripture is fulfilled** in your hearing.”
Luke 4:18, 21 (ref. Isaiah 61)



How do we respond when God lets us down?

The Messiah would:

Unite Israel (ethnic and geographic)

Restore temple life

Conquer the enemies of Israel

Adventures in Missing the Point **Unite Israel (ethnic and geographic)**

Now he had to go through **Samaria**. So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. **John 4:4**

When Jesus had entered Capernaum, **a centurion** came to him, asking for help. **Matthew 8:5**

When Jesus came to the region of **Caesarea Philippi**,
Matthew 16:13

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of **Tyre and Sidon**. A **Canaanite** woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.”
Matthew 15:21-22

Adventures in Missing the Point

Restore temple life

Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. **He overturned the tables of the money changers** and the benches of those selling doves. **Matthew 21:12**

Jesus answered them, “**Destroy this temple**, and I will raise it again in three days.” **John 2:19**

He entered the house of God, and he and his companions ate the consecrated bread—which was not lawful for them to do, but only for the priests. Or haven't you read in the Law that the priests on Sabbath duty in the temple desecrate the Sabbath and yet are innocent? **I tell you that something greater than the temple is here.**
Matthew 12:4-6

Adventures in Missing the Point

Conquer the enemies of Israel

Jesus said, “**My kingdom is not of this world**. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.” **John 18:36**

“Put your sword back in its place,” Jesus said to him, “**for all who draw the sword will die by the sword**. Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?” **Matthew 26:52-54**

Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. **If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also**. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. **Luke 6:27-29**

Often people suggest that Jesus was rejected by his people because they just wanted a “political” messiah, as opposed to a “spiritual” messiah. But actually, the reason many did not accept Jesus was because **they were looking for a Messiah to come with judgment on the enemies of God**, and he came with an offer of forgiveness and peace instead. It wasn't that they hadn't read the scriptures, but rather that Jesus didn't fit their reading. They expected the kingdom of God to be established by killing everyone who wasn't righteous. But instead, **God would gain a kingdom of pure-hearted followers, not by destroying all the impure**, but by purifying sinners and atoning for their sins himself. **The Messiah would indeed come again some day in judgment, but for now he was extending an invitation of forgiveness to everyone who would take it.**

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Servant, Shepherd, Humble King, Isaiah 53

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? **Isaiah 53:1**

He had no beauty or **majesty** to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. **vs 2**

He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like **one from whom people hide their faces he was despised**, and we held him in low esteem. **vs 3**

So he sent for him (David) and had him brought in. He was **glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features**. **1 Samuel 16:12**

He (Goliath) looked David over and saw that he was little more than a boy, **glowing with health and handsome**, and he despised him. **1 Samuel 17:42**

Servant, Shepherd, Humble King, Isaiah 53

Surely he took up **our pain** and bore **our suffering**, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was **pierced for our transgressions**, he was **crushed for our iniquities**; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by **his wounds we are healed.** vs 4-5

The people stood watching, and the rulers even **sneered** at him. They said, “He saved others; **let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah**, the Chosen One.” **Luke 23:35**

Servant, Shepherd, Humble King, Isaiah 53

Yet it was **the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer**, and though the Lord makes his life **an offering for sin**, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand. After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge **my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.** vs 10-11

The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the **king of the jews**. One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "**Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!**" **Luke 23:36-39**

John's disciples told him about all these things. Calling two of them, he sent them to the Lord to ask, "**Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?**" **Luke 7:18-19**

"Blessed is anyone who does not **stumble** on account of me." **Luke 7:23**

And he added, "God blesses those who do not **fall away** because of me." **NLT**

"And blessed is the one who is not **offended** by me." **ESV**

Then Job replied to the Lord: **Job 42:1**

“I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. You asked, ‘Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?’ **Surely I spoke of things I did not understand**, things too wonderful for me to know.” **vs 2-3**

“You said, ‘Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.’ My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore I despise myself and **repent in dust and ashes.**” **vs 4-6**