

Matthew: Portraits of the King - Week 1

Arrival of the King

"King Jesus: Right Line, Right Design, and Right Time"

1. Jesus came from the "RIGHT LINE."

Matthew 1:1-2 (NIV)

This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham: ² Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers.

• Jesus' resume reveals His royal line.

Genesis 12:1-3 (NIV)

The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. ² "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Genesis 17:19 (NIV)

Then God said, "Yes, but your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.

2 Samuel 7:12-13 (NIV)

When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

The right line reminds us that God always keeps His promises.

Deuteronomy 31:6 (NIV)

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.

Isaiah 43:25 (NIV)

I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.

Hebrews 9:28 (NIV)

so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

2. Jesus has the "RIGHT DESIGN."

Matthew 1:3a (NIV)

Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar,

Matthew 1:5-6 (NIV)

Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife,

 Jesus' line is filled with moral outsiders; ethnic outsiders; gender outsiders.

Isaiah 53:6 (NIV)

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Matthew 1:16 (NIV)

and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.

• Jesus' "divine" design allows Him to relate to sinners in His humanity but also liberate sinners in His divinity.

3. Jesus came at the "RIGHT TIME."

Matthew 1:17 (NIV)

Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Messiah.

Jesus is the culmination of history.

Galatians 4:4 (NIV)

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law.

• Jesus was born at the "RIGHT TIME" to provide ultimate rest.

Matthew 11:28-29 (NIV)

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.