



DISCIPLES OF JESUS **“Jesus the Disciple Maker” Matthew 1:1–4:11**

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Disciples relate to their teachers and masters. The better they know the master the deeper will be their discipleship. This was true 2000 years ago – it’s still true today.

I. Knowing Jesus Through His Genealogy. Matthew 1:1–17

- A. Son of Abraham – bringing blessing to Israel and the nations. Genesis 12:1-3
- B. Son of David – “a throne established forever” 2 Samuel 7:12-16; Isaiah 9:6-7
 - 1. Abraham to David – God reveals his purposes in and through Israel.
 - 2. David to Exile – Israel fails, God judges, no king on the throne.
 - 3. Exile to Jesus – God has not forsaken his people or his plan.
- C. He is “Jesus who is called Christ.” Matthew 1:16

II. Knowing Jesus Through the Angel/ Messenger. Matthew 1:18–25

- A. A unique birth is announced – born of the Holy Spirit.
- B. A special name is given – Jesus = Heb. Joshua = Savior (from sins.)

III. Knowing Jesus Through the Prophets.

- A. He is Immanuel – “God with us” Isaiah 7:14; 8: 8, 10
- B. He is “ruler” and “shepherd of my people Israel.” Micah 5:2; 2 Samuel 5:2
- C. He will be called a Nazarene. Matthew 2:23

IV. Knowing Jesus Through the Magi. Matthew 2:1–12

- A. Recognized Jesus as “King of the Jews.” Matthew 2:2
- B. Bowed down and offered gifts – acknowledging a superior.
- C. Worshipped him. Matthew 2:11

V. Knowing Jesus Through the Forerunner. Matthew 3:1-12

- A. “Preparing the way for the Lord.”
- B. Jesus will baptize with Holy Spirit (blessing) and fire (purifying judgment).

VI. Knowing Jesus at His Baptism. Matthew 3:13–17

- A. Jesus is baptized to “fulfill all righteousness.”
 - 1. It is the “Right” thing to do – He always pleases the Father.
 - 2. It is the first step in procuring “righteousness” for the people of God.
- B. Spirit descended – anointing the Christ, affirming the Son, identifying the Servant (see Isaiah 42:1; Psalm 2:7f).

VII. Knowing Jesus Through His Temptation. Matthew 4:1-11

- A. He triumphed because he was totally committed to the Will of God.
- B. He overcame because he was fully conversant with the Word of God.

Points to ponder: Discipleship is all about relationship – how well do I know Jesus?