

The book of Matthew is the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham and David were in their day the greatest trustees of the promise relating to the Messiah. It was the promise to Abraham that Christ should descend from him and to David that he should descend from him. They who owned him to be Christ called him the son of David on whose shoulders the government was to be on. Son of Abraham was to be the father of many nations. The name Jesus means Savior, Jesus was a common name derived from the ancient Hebrew, Jehoshua. The title Christ means anointed, consecrated, sacred is used only for the Messiah, whom came in fulfillment of prophecy. The time when the Gospel was written is uncertain; the most probable supposition is that it was written between 50 or 60 A.D. It was written for Jewish converts to show them in Jesus of Nazareth the Messiah of the Old Testament of whom they expected.



### Matthew Chapter 1 Verse 1 thru 17

Jesus was born after forty-two generations. The genealogy of Jesus Christ traces Jesus' ancestry back to King David. Genealogy confirms the promise of the messianic promises made to David as well as the promise and the fulfillment of the covenant promises to Abraham. Jesus earthly family consisted of kings, prophets, priest, thieves, idolatries, harlot, murderer, adulterous, and warriors. Jesus gave us an example of how things would be even in the natural. Although his earthly family consisted of sinners he also had a heavenly family those that had given their life to live for the Father according to his instructions. We also have an earthly family and a heavenly family. To tell the truth when we speak about blood kindred, we're more of a family to those that has been born of the Spirit of God than those that we're born in the natural for the simple fact we all have different mothers and fathers, but those that have been born of the Spirit of God has been born through one

Father. It was through the shedding of the blood of Jesus that we became sons of God. And we all came to God through the blood of Jesus, although we are many, we all belong to one Spirit.

### Matthew Chapter 1 Verse 18 thru 25

Mary was engaged to marry Joseph, but before they were united in marriage, Mary was pregnant with Jesus by the Holy Spirit (**Matthew 1:18 - Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise (as follows) When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost**). Joseph was a righteous and just man, he didn't want the city people to know Mary was pregnant prior to their marriage. According to the Mosaic law if a woman was engaged to be married she supposed to have been a virgin and she wasn't she would be stoned or burned to death. (**Genesis 28:24 And it came to pass about three months after that it was told Judah, saying Tamar thy daughter-in-law hath played the harlot, and also behold, she is with child by whoredom. And Judah said bring her forth, and let her be burned.**)

In biblical days and today in other countries where they still practice the Mosaic Law it isn't as much sexual diseases, children born out of wed-lock because of the lack of moral standards. They strictly went by the book of the Law which is the word of God. Sin has brought about many deaths through sexual diseases, drug addictions, disobedience to the laws of God as well as parents. Our land needs healing and its not the earthly land but our physical and spiritual bodies.

**Land - Earth, ground, soil, country, field, level place, region.**

**2nd Chronicles 7:14 -**

**If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from**

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**heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land.**

When God made this covenant with Solomon, the earthly land was not in famine, but God was giving King Solomon a promise of blessings as well as curses. Blessings if he and the people obeyed God and curses if they disobeyed. The land that needs to be healed is our spiritual land, the land where the Father and Son should be dwelling. God's word will always be true, when we sin, it brings division between us and our heavenly Father, it also brings about punishment when we continue in sin.

With Mary being engaged to marry Joseph when he found out she was pregnant it must have hurt for him to find out that his suppose to be virgin bride was pregnant. Although he was hurt, he didn't want any harm to come to Mary so he was going to put her away without telling anyone about the matter. Not only was Joseph concerned about Mary's physical well being, but he was also concerned about Mary's reputation. We all could learn from Joseph and his unconditional love. After Joseph had thought about what he was going to do with Mary, God sent an angel to minister to Joseph. Since Joseph was a righteous man, I believe he prayed earnestly about the matter and God sent him the answer. It's alright to make plans, and we should be people of order, but once we make our plans let us consult God and see if the plan is alright with him. God ministered to Joseph through a dream (**Matthew 1:20-21** **But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.** The angel told Joseph exactly what to do as well as what the child's name should be. The prophecy that had been spoken of Jesus was fulfilled.

**Isaiah 7:14** **Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign. Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.** Joseph followed the instructions of the angel and married Mary. Jesus is our beginning to reconciling

us to the Father, and he is our ending by taking us to the Father after death. Jesus is the beginning and he is the end. Old Testament was the beginning and the New Testament is the end. You can't have an ending without a beginning, and you can't have an ending without a beginning. In other words what was implemented in the Old Testament was completed in the New Testament.

Mary was blessed and highly favored of God to be chosen to be the mother of Jesus, but we can't continue to call her the Virgin Mary for the simple fact once she give birth to Jesus she was no longer a virgin.

Secondly, we have people worshipping Mary which is opposite of what the Bible has told us to do. **Matthew 4:10** **Then saith Jesus unto him get thee hence, Satan for it is written, thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shall thou serve.**

Jesus told us to ask the Father in his name, he didn't say in the name of Mary nor did he tell us to pray to Mary for her to go to the Father in our behalf. **John 16:26** **At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you.** Jesus is the only one that can forgive sins, **Luke 7:48** **- And he said unto her thy sins are forgiven.** Mary can't ask God to forgive us for the simple fact she too is waiting for the new Jerusalem, she's asleep in Christ. We can go before the Father in the behalf of others and ask for their forgiveness that's if we're in good standings with the Father and Son, everything we need must come through Jesus. **John 4:6** **Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

## Matthew Chapter 3 Verse 1 through 17



John the Baptist, son of Zechariah and Elizabeth. John's birth was foretold by an angel to his parents. Preceded our Lord by six months. John the Baptist was Jesus' cousin. John the Baptist dwelt alone in a barren region west of the Dead Sea. His dress was of woven camel's hair, his food was locusts and wild honey. When he emerged to preach the baptism of repentance for the remissions of sins, crowds gathered because of his preternatural birth, his life and his expectation that some great one was about to appear. John is the only human who received the Holy Spirit prior to his birth.

John the Baptist came to lead the people of God to Jesus by instructing them to repent of their sins. Repentance is to have another mind or a change of mind. You no longer want to live a life style of sin. You no longer want to live as a liar, fornicator, adulteress, alcoholic, drug addict, drug pusher or whatever the case maybe. Your mind has been changed, your desires would be to please God and not self.

Many people came to hear John the Baptist speak as well as the Pharisees and Sadducees. The Pharisees were one of the sect of Judaism in the time of Christ. The name means separated by special works. The sect included all Hebrews who separated themselves from every kind of Levitical impurity, following the Mosaic Law of purity. Sadducees were religious sect of the Jews at the time of Christ who refused to accept the oral law was the revelation of God to the Israelites, and believed exclusively in the written law. The Sadducees never used the influence that the Pharisees did, and were more tolerant. They rejected the belief in resurrection nor

did they believe in future rewards and punishments. The high priest at the time of Christ was of this sect and the doctrine of the resurrection preached by Christ rendered the Sadducees especially bitter against him.

John rebuked the Pharisees asking them to give evidence of "fruits meet for repentance" John the Baptist rebuked them for their belief in nationalistic salvation. They were believing to receive salvation through Abraham instead of God. John was instructing them to bear fruit if not they would be destroyed. **(Matthew 3:20 - And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.** Jesus also gave us an example of a plant not bearing fruit when he cursed the fig tree **(Mark 11:13-14 - And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if happily he might find anything thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the times of figs was not yet. And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever, and his disciples heard it.** We as the body of Christ should be bearing fruit, and if we don't we will be cast in to the lake of fire just like the parable of the fig tree. When we become believers of the birth, death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, we should be bearing fruit of the Spirit. We should be bringing souls to reunite with their creator. Just as John was preparing the people to meet their Savior, we should be doing the same thing. We should not compromise or sugar coat the gospel or else we will become just like the fig tree if we're not bearing fruit. The fig tree appeared to have fruit, but once Jesus inspected it he found it barren. Many Christians is like the fig tree they appear to have fruits of the Spirit, they dress modestly according to the Word of God, some even go as far as not to wear jewelry or wear makeup, or go to the beauty salon, but they forgot the commandments of God where he told us to walk in love and forgiveness, meekness, and faith. One thing we must always keep in mind is that we must obey Scriptures if we want to be participants of heaven, it's not about a dress code.

John didn't forget who had ordained him to preach and teach and miracles did follow him. He knew and recognized the power God had given him to be a blessing to God's people. John didn't merchandise the gospel as some do today. John told the people he was sent to baptize them to repentance, but Jesus was going to be baptized with the Holy Ghost and with fire. Sealing of the Holy Ghost guarantees the benefits of our salvation, as an individual seals and envelope to guarantee it enclosures, the Holy Spirit is our sealing. ***(Ephesians 1:13 - In who ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation in whom also after that ye believed ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.*** ***Ephesians 4:30 And grieved not the Holy Spirit where by ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*** The Holy Spirit will burn up every thing in us that is contrary to the word of God, if we let him.

Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. John didn't want to carry out his mission when he was asked to baptize Jesus. The baptism of Jesus gave us three examples: (1) Jesus had to be baptized to fulfill all righteousness, (2) Giving us an example that we too must be baptized for the remission of sins (Jesus didn't have any sin) It doesn't indicate if one dies prior to baptism that he or she would be lost because they weren't baptized. When Jesus was on the cross between the two thieves, Jesus told one of them that he would be with him in paradise. The thief didn't get off the cross to be baptized and got back on the cross after his baptism.. Intellectual understanding of the Bible will mess us up! Baptism does not give us entrance into heaven. After we've been baptized then we have to live according to the word of God. After Jesus was baptized by John, the Spirit of God came upon Jesus in the shape of a dove, and God spoke from heaven and confirmed Jesus was his beloved Son. The Father does us the same way, he speaks from heaven to our adversaries to let them know that we are the sons of God. His protection is better than any human protection.

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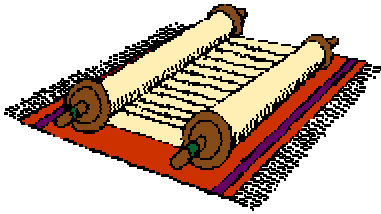
***Matthew 4:1 - Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.***

Following Jesus public baptism, Jesus was led by the Spirit of God into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. Whether we know it or not many times we've been lead into the wilderness by God to be tempted by Satan. God doesn't tempt us, but he gives Satan permission to tempt us. Many of you right now is in a wilderness, you can't hear from God nor feel his presence, but you must know without a shadow of doubt that God sees and hears you, wait on God and in your waiting possess your souls. Keep the faith and know that God is God.

Satan imitates everything that God does, Satan will drive us and make us think that we're doing it for the Lord. People of God, God will never have us so busy until we can't spend time with him in prayer, reading and studying his word or just sitting silently before him. Satan will have us running here and there, and every where if we're not attentive to what's going on, it will be weeks before we stand before the Lord in personal prayer or studying of the Word of God.

***Matthew 4:2 - And when he has fasted forty days, and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered.*** Satan knew that Jesus was hungry, he knew Jesus was fasting, he wanted to tempt him with food. The enemy attacks us the same way, when we're fasting. When we're fasting he brings all types of thoughts about food and suggestions to try to influence us to stop the fast. Fasting assist us to be more sensitive to the Spirit of God as well as demonic spirits. Some spirits will not be loosed from us or others but through fasting as well as prayer. Never fast and don't pray for the simple fact our spirit is open to the spirit world both good and evil. The father whose son was a lunatic brought his son to the disciples to be cured, but they couldn't cast the spirit out of him. When the father saw Jesus he told him about his experience with the disciples. Jesus told the disciples that kind only comes out by prayer and fasting.

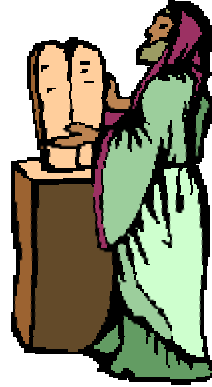
**Matthew 17:21 - Howbeit this kind goeth not out, but by prayer and fasting.** When Satan tries to make it difficult for us to fast, we should pray and be just that more persistent in fasting to show him that he don't have rule over us.



When we fast and pray it makes it harder for Satan to influence us with sin. Prayer and fasting will sustain us as we go through trials and tribulations, instead of bowing to sin, we will be bowing to the Almighty and as we stay at the foot of Jesus it will be him that strengthen us. The majority of the time when Christians begin to fall is because they aren't praying, fasting, reading and studying the word of God and staying before his presence.

**Matthew 4:3 - And when the tempter came to him, he said, if thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.**

The tempter is always Satan. He tried to mess with Jesus' emotions by telling him if you are the Son of God demand these stones to be turned into bread. He doesn't give us such task, but he whispers in our ears if we're the sons of God why are we sick or why did our spouse leave us or why are you broke if you are the son of God. The tempter seduces us with thoughts and tries to get us to disobey God by looking at our situations or circumstances.



**Matthew 4:4 - But he answered and said, it is written man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.** Jesus knew that the word of God would stand when everything else would fail. He answered Satan with the word of God. Jesus knew that natural food was needed for our physical bodies, but it wasn't suffice for our spiritual body. The Word of God is our food, it will sustain us when natural food will not do the job. When we're lonely or heart broken natural food will not suffice, but when you read the Word of God it will bring forth healing in a broken heart, the Word of God will give you comfort when you feel lonely and rejected.

**Matthew 4:5 - Then the devil taken him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple.** Evidently Satan had power, he had enough power to either show Jesus in a vision the Holy city or else he took him there physically which ever one it was he had power, and we must keep in mind when dealing with the devil, were not dealing with a wimp, and we can't be wimps.

**Matthew 4:6 - And saith unto him if thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down for it is written, he shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy food against a stone.** Satan came to influence Jesus as he did with Eve in the Garden, not only was he trying to influence him, but he was quoting scriptures. That is why we must have discernment because anyone can learn scripture and quote them, but can they live by what they quote. Every time we hear a still small voice quoting scriptures its not always the Lord.

**Matthew 4:7 Jesus said unto him, it is written again thou shalt not tempt the Lord thou God.** No matter how many times Satan comes to try to tempt us, we must be rooted and grounded in the Word of God and obey the Word of God and not our emotions. Secondly, we don't suppose to tempt God and sometimes as foolish Christians we do. We may have been warned not to go in a certain area and the first thing we say "I take the Lord with me where ever I go", that's good, but if we were actually taking him everywhere we go, we would have heard his voice telling us not to go in that direction. If God blessed us with money to pay our bills ,rent or mortgage, we don't suppose to take that money and do something else with it, then we'll say I'm believing God.

**Matthew 4:8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them.** Satan had enough power to try to influence Jesus with the riches and popularity of the world and just as he showed Jesus, he shows the believer and that is why many have slipped into sin because of the riches of this world No matter how much God blesses us we should always remember that it was he that blessed us to gain riches, he didn't bless us with riches to hoard to ourselves. He blesses us with finances to be a blessing to others. There shouldn't be a church where the members are lacking and suffering from a financial need to pay rent or have a need for their families or whatever the need might be when they have did all that they could as responsible adults. If we went back and practiced what the Saints did in Biblical time the majority of the body of Christ would not be suffering lack financially, spiritually, mentally, emotionally or physically. Because they came together in unity to make sure everyone needs were taken care of. **(Acts 2:45 - And sold their possessions and goods, and parted (distributed) them to all men, as every had need.** They weren't trying to build larger churches (buildings), but they were building the body of Christ as instructed by God.

**Matthew 4:9 And saith unto him, all these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall**

**down and worship me.** Satan is the god of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, fame, pride has weaken the faith of many believers. Satan isn't stupid, he's not going to bring something that will not be pleasing to the eye. If you're happily married, he's not going to send a woman or man your way that will give you a desire to commit adultery. If you have given your life to Christ fully, he's not going to try to influence you to gamble or steal. He will use some other method like having you to walk in fear or doubt or be stingy. Satan always come with something that will tempt the believer to disobey God.



**Matthew 4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him, get thee hence, Satan, for it is written, thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thy serve.** Jesus was telling Satan, I cannot serve God and serve you as so many Christians try to do. Either we will serve God or we will serve Satan, we cannot serve both. Many serve God on Sunday and Monday through Saturday they're serving Satan, not knowing that God doesn't have a part-time servant. We are either full-time or we're not considered his servant. We don't believe in sharing our spouse with another man or woman, so what make us think that God will share us with Satan.

**Matthew 4:11 - Then the devil leaveth him and behold angels came and ministered unto him.** As Christians we must not be ignorant to the schemes and tactics of Satan. Just as he came to try to influence Jesus to disobey the Father, he will do us likewise. Jesus has given us strength and access to the Father in order that we will not have to obey Satan. God never would have instructed us to live holy if he hadn't already given us the power to live according to his word.

**Matthew 4:12 - Now when Jesus had heard that John was in cast into prison, he departed from Galilee.** After Jesus had been tempted of the devil in the wilderness the bible states that he returned to the city in the power of God. Every trial and tribulation we go through should increase our faith in God because we have given ourselves totally to him, and just as he empowered Jesus he will also empower us to walk as sons of God, but we must go through the affliction and the test without sinning against God. When Jesus heard that John was in prison he left the city and went to Galilee. Jesus already knew what was going to happen to John, but he didn't tell his disciples. Sometimes its not always good to know our future because it would make some of us faint. Some of us would leave Christianity if we knew what laid ahead for us as Christians.

**Matthew 4:13 And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim.** Jesus was fulfilling prophesy that had been prophesied years prior to his birth. There is no other book we can read and it tells about the past, present and future. As we ready and study the Bible we will see how it's manifesting what it states now and as well as the future.

**Matthew 4:14-15 - That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet saying the land of Zabulon and the land of Nephthalim by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles.** It was ordained by God that Jesus go through these countries to those that assumed they were in right standing with God because of Abraham. Many times people relay on their relative faith for their faith, but I am hear to tell you, its not about relative's faith its about your faith and relationship with God.

**Matthew 4:16 - The people which sat in darkness saw great light, and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.** God spoke through his prophet to let them know that Jesus was the one that would lead his

people back to him. Although they had teachers of the law, and were specialized in the law they didn't have the anointing to break the yoke off of the people. Knowledge is good, but it has never delivered anyone from sickness or disease, it has never delivered anyone from a spirit of torment or depression. The light of God that is dwelling within us should penetrate any darkness.

**Matthew 4:17 - From that time Jesus begin to preach, and to say, Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.** Jesus came preaching and teaching repentance, and not only was he preaching and teaching, but he was showing us by precept and example. We should be the same way, how can we tell someone how to live righteously and we're living as hypocrites. Apostle Paul quoted "after he had preached to others if he didn't live according to what he taught, he too would be a castaway". **1st Corinthians 9:27 - But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway (disqualified).** So those that are preaching and teaching the Word of God if they aren't living according to the Word they teach, they too will be lifting up their eyes in hell.

**Matthew 4:18 - And Jesus walking by the sea of Galilee saw two brethern, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers.** God is concerned about families, he didn't call one brother to follow him and left the other one. He called both of them and it was their choice to follow him. God has called our relatives just as he called us and it's their decision to follow him. We cannot beat them over the head with the Word of God nor offend them by telling them their going to hell. All we can do is pray and stay before God for them, asking God to give them a mind and a heart to serve him whole heartily. When Jesus called Simon and Andrew both of them chose to walk with Jesus.

**Matthew 4:19 - And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.** Jesus knew Simon and Andrew's talent, and the very talent they used for the

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natural Jesus was going to use it for the spiritual. Talents are different from gifts of the Spirit. Talents are given to us when we are born in the natural, gifts are given to us when we're born in the Spirit.

**Matthew 4:20 - And they straightway left their nets and followed him.** They didn't hesitate, they immediately followed Jesus. It should be the same way with us when he calls, we can't procrastinate because time is running out and we must get busy doing what God has called us to do.

**Matthew 4:21 - And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them.** Jesus went a little further and saw another family and he called them for the work of the ministry. Using their talents to build the kingdom of God. A fisherman is one that has plenty of patience, they will rise early in the morning to go fishing, and is willing to wait all day if they have to in order to get a fish. A fisherman knows when to fish and when not to fish. He know exactly what to give and what not to give for bait. What they were using in the natural was going to be a blessing in the Spirit. We too must be like the fisherman rising early for prayer, waiting before God to hear our schedule for the day. We must know who to witness to, when, where and what to say. Giving them a right word for that season, for that time and for that particular person.

**Matthew 4:22 - And they immediately left the ship and their father and followed him.** Sometimes we must leave our love ones in order to follow Jesus. In doing so we may encounter rejection, persecution, ridicule, disappointments. The statement made leave our love ones doesn't mean literally, but we can't go, listen and watch the things with them as we use to when we were living ungodly. Because our desire is to please God and not man will sometime cause us be lonely because even our loves one will reject us, but stand with or without them, let God be your friend, let God be your husband or wife, let God be your joy. What

God gives us is worth far more than what man or woman can ever give us.

**Matthew 4:23 - And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of diseases among the people.** Jesus gave us an example of how the church was suppose to be. Somehow we have strayed away from his teaching. Jesus preached and taught as well as healed the sick and cast out devils. God changes not, what was ordained for the foundation was for us to continue in. Every church which is the physical church that has been called and ordained by God to minister to his people should be walking in the same anointing that Jesus walked in. According to the Bible we're sitting in heavenly places with Christ Jesus. The power that we have come from above, it should be used to build up the kingdom of God and not be ravaged by false prophets and ministers. God has given gifts to the body of Christ to be used to edify the members of the body of Christ.

**Matthew 4:24 - And his fame went through out all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torment, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.** Jesus came to heal the body of Christ both physically and spiritually. The wounds that he suffered for us was to bring us back to the Father spiritually. The wounds that he suffered was to give us healing from any type of disease that Satan would try to place upon our bodies and our minds. Sickness enter our bodies through us not taking care of ourselves as well as the attacks of Satan and not forgiving those that has wronged us.



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**Matthew 4:25 - And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and from Judea, and from beyond Jordan.** Because of the anointing that was placed in him many was drawn to Jesus. Jesus didn't flaunt his anointing, he walked in a spirit of humbleness and meekness. He didn't charge people to give them a prophesy or to lay hands on them for deliverance. Jesus ministered for three years, but he was not given a banquet or had an anniversary for the years he had been in the ministry. Jesus came to heal the sick, open blinded eyes, unstop deaf ears, heal the wounded heart, to minister to the people of God without fringe benefits. We must get heavenly minded and stop being carnal minded. We wasn't born into the kingdom of God to merchandise the gifts and the anointing. We're born again to set the captive free!