

The Promised One Part 1 | 12.12.21 | Pastor Corey Green Replay message at: http://www.northpointeFL.org/messages

Pastor Corey said the following things about Matthew and his Gospel:

- Distinctly Jewish
- Profoundly interested in the **Gentiles**
- Structured around promise and fulfillment

Additionally, he said that there are 10 times when Matthew used a particular formula, "This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying . . . ,"

Read the following verses in Matthew:

1:22-23

2:15

2:17-18

2:23

4:14-16

8:17

12:17-21

13:35

21:4-5

27:9-10

What do these passages have in common?

Why is it important for Matthew to make these connections to the Old Testament prophecies?

How does this formula used by Matthew contribute to the Jewish flavor of his Gospel?

How does the fulfillment of prophecy by Jesus amplify Matthew's concern for the Gentiles?

Read Matthew 5:17. Compare this fulfillment passage to those listed above. Since these are Jesus' own words, do they affirm or weaken Matthew's insistence on pointing to promise and fulfillment in the life of Jesus?

Read Matthew 27:54. What is significant about this declaration by the Gentile soldiers? How does this event emphasize what has been said about Matthew's Gospel? Is this declaration a hopeful one to the soldier? To you?