

Good News

The Gospel is a

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Evangelism In Matthew #6

The “Gospel” • Galilee first • Mt 4.12-22

- Our **purpose**:
 - Understand what the gospel **IS**
 - Understand what the gospel **DOES**
- **Mt 1.1-4.11**
 - Prepares us for the **ministry** of Jesus
 - The birth narrative: **1.1-25**
 - Jesus’ genealogy: **1.1-17**
 - Jesus’ birth: **1.18-25**



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 - Magi in Jerusalem/Bethlehem: **2.1-12**
 - To Egypt **2.13-15** • Death in Bethlehem **2.16-18** • To Nazareth: **2.19-23**
 - John’s ministry: **3.1-13** • Jesus’ baptism **3.14-17**
 - Jesus’ temptation: **4.1-11**
- The ministry in **Galilee**: 4.12-18.35
 - Prophecy: “Galilee of the **Gentiles**” • **Mt 4.15**



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- “Galilee of the Gentiles” • **Mt 4.15**
- Cited from **Is 9.1-2**
 - Anticipating a David-like king • **Is 9.6-7**
 - Anticipating the gospel’s spread to the non-Jewish world
 - **Starting** among the Galilean Gentiles • **Spreading** to the rest of the world
 - Most of Matthew takes place **away from** Jerusalem
 - Galilee • TransJordan • Tyre/Sidon (seacoast) • etc.



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- Matthew **starts with** and **focuses on** Jesus’ Galilean ministry:
 - Densely populated region
 - Served by two major highways
 - A “mixed” population
 - Surrounded on three sides by **other nations** (W-Phoenicia, N/E-Syria, S-Samaria)
 - Galilee, unlike Judea, was “open” to the rest of the world
 - Jesus’ ministry starts here and **spreads** to other areas



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- The emphasis on Galilee and Gentiles in Matthew tells us that ...
 - Jesus was **not** just a Jewish Messiah
 - A Davidic king, yes. But a king for **all** nations
 - Galilee, appropriately, was already an “**all nation**” area
 - The beginning of Jesus’ ministry in Galilee ...
 - Anticipates the **great commission** • **Mt 28, Mk 16, Lk 24, Jn 20**
 - Anticipates the spread of the gospel in **Acts 1.8** • Judea, Samaria, world
 - Fulfills God’s design ... the gospel is **for all**

