

GOSPEL MINISTRY

Matthew 4

Introduction

Matthew 1-2: The promised Messiah has arrived, Jesus Christ

Narrative (from Judea to Galilee, see 3:1 & 4:23)

Matthew 3-4: The beginning of Messiah's ministry

1st block of teaching

Matthew 5-7: The kingdom of the Messiah: its character

Transition – Jesus's authority, 7:28-29

1 Ethos, 4:1-11

(Read Deuteronomy 6-8 as the backdrop to Matt 4:1-11.)

- a It may be his right, but Jesus waives it when it undermines God's way of doing ministry just for his own needs.

- b It may be what God has said, but Jesus refuses to twist God's arm just for his own protection.

- c It may be his mission, but Jesus resists bowing to Satan just for his own ease.

2 Goal, 4:12-17

3 Continuity, 4:18-22

4 Tasks, 4:23-25

Reflections