

## The Jesus manifesto

The Jews had long awaited a Messiah

Expected to be:

- Revolutionary
- Political
- Forceful (would have to be in the face of the strong Roman occupation)

But Jesus 'revolutionary' methods of Love, Grace and Peace were dynamically different and counter cultural

Context for SOTM

Matt 3:13-17

Jesus Baptism: Readiness to minister  
(Where 2 or 3 are gathered... Father /Son / Spirit ) Matt 18:18-20  
Can be understood in context of rabbinic tradition where 2 or 3 rabbi's must agree to 'loose' a new teaching, or 'bind' something that is not right  
Also 2 rabbi's required to affirm the ministry of a third. Father & Spirit affirm Jesus and his ministry season begins.

Matt 4:1-11

Temptation: Proven himself and sets the new agenda  
He does not expect others to follow where he has not gone.  
When we are to be like Jesus we can anticipate testing like him too.  
Doctrines of ease and prosperity run contrary to Jesus life & ministry

Matt 4:12-17

Preaching: Start in Capernium – now Jesus home (see also Mark 2:1)  
Primarily Jewish town of Galilee, those that came back from exile with strong identity. Decapolis, non-jewish community. And loads of other from far afield... a right mixed bag of people coming to hear him.