

Giles Fletcher's poem is very apt on the mission of Jesus.

**“He is a path, for those with no direction, a robe for the naked. To the dead, He is life. To the poor, health. To the blind, sight”**



Matthew was probably the only Gospel of the Synoptics that was not only written in Greek but also in Hebrew as attested to by one of the early Church Fathers, Papias (130 ACE).

Writing in the first century ACE, Matthew's audience was Jewish. He makes use of 67 references from the Old Testament to help them understand the good news of Jesus Christ, where he portrays Jesus as Teacher and new Moses.

The name Jesus means “Yahweh saves.” We have no evidence from the first century to tell us how Jesus looked. The gospel portraits given to us by the Gospel writers, however shows that Jesus had a profound connection with people from all backgrounds as He challenged the strict prescriptions of the Mosaic Law.

He was a loyal friend to men like John and Lazarus. He is the most genuine man who ever lived. His death showed that he practised the kind of love and forgiveness which he preached.

When people ask me what I believe, I advise them to read Mathew 5, 6,7. This is where Jesus spoke the sermon on the Mount. The beatitudes of Matthew focusses on the change that Christians must undergo and underlines the value of the interior disposition, reflection and meditation.

The beatitudes (also known as the spiritual commandments) promise to the spiritually gifted, often the materially deprived, the gift of everlasting life. The sermon on the mount is where our Lord and Saviour makes it clear that His followers need to be transparent and to be the men who they are. This is how every Christian Apostolic through prayer and relying on the Holy Spirit can resist the Evil one (Diablo-Lucifer-The Accuser-The one who scatters and the prince of lies).

The main thrust of the teachings of Jesus was to love your enemies and to do good to those who hate you, to bless them that curse you. At his arrest in the Garden of Eden, Jesus says, “those who use the sword are sooner or later destroyed by it”(Matthew26:52)

God bless, Nag Ou Grote, Fluit-Fluit, my storie is uit.

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