# Preaching the OT (1)

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# How Matthew Uses the OT to Help People Understand Christian Faith

1. 1:1 - 17:

The OT gives people the back story to Jesus’s coming

1. 1:18 – 2:23

The OT can help people understand what happened to Jesus

1. 3:1 – 17

The OT gives people images and ideas and words to understand Jesus

1. 4:1 – 11

The OT outlines the kind of life God expects his people to live

1. 4:12 – 25

The OT can help people understand what Jesus did

1. 5:1 – 12

The OT outlines how a disciple can live with God

1. 5:13 – 48

The OT provides the foundation for Jesus’s moral teaching

# How Does the NT Suggest We Seek to Understand and Use the OT?

Hebrews 1:1 – 2; 2 Timothy 3:14 – 16

1. More starting from the text:

Jesus in Luke 4: Isaiah 61

Stephen in Acts 7: the big OT story

John in Revelation 4: Ezekiel 1

1. More starting from the context:

John 1: Genesis 1, Proverbs 8

Acts 2: Joel

Romans 9 – 11: Genesis 12 – 50 and Exodus