



***The Book
of
Matthew***

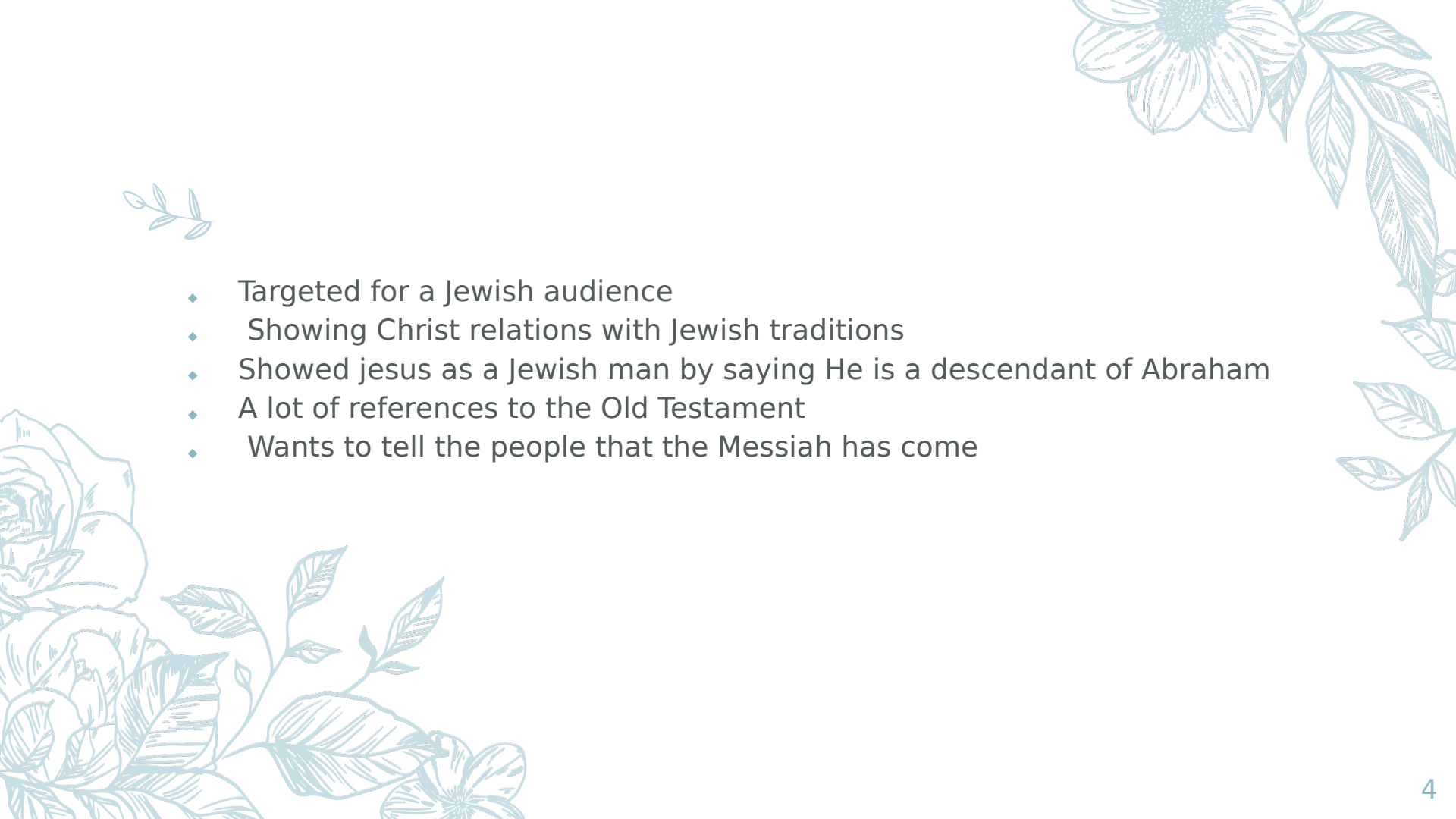
Who is Matthew

- ◆ Matthew, formerly known as Levi was a tax collector
- ◆ A disciple/ apostle
- ◆ One of the four Evangelists
- ◆ The name Matthew is derived from Hebrew meaning “Gift of Yahweh”.
- ◆ When called by Jesus Matthew left behind his riches, place of safety and work, for traveling, hard times and eventually martyrdom .
- ◆ St. Matthew organizes his facts in groups of 3,5 and 7.
- ◆ Matthew may have written his book in Aramaic first then it translated to greek.
- ◆ Matthew may have written his book in 70 A.D



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***Intended
Audience***

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- ◆ Targeted for a Jewish audience
 - ◆ Showing Christ relations with Jewish traditions
 - ◆ Showed Jesus as a Jewish man by saying He is a descendant of Abraham
 - ◆ A lot of references to the Old Testament
 - ◆ Wants to tell the people that the Messiah has come



2.


Themes

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- Compassion and forgiveness
 - Jesus forgives all no matter how they treat him
 - Forgiving people for all of their sins
 - Hypocrisy
 - Biggest hypocrites of the bible are Pharisees and the Chief priests
 - Immortality
 - It is hard to go to heaven
 - The gates of heaven always open



3.


Unique attributes of Matthew

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- Gospel that deals with judaism
 - Most important gospel for early christianity
 - Contains all elements of early church
 - Thorough explanation of the liturgy
 - Account of Jesus' life from birth to death



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***Christ's Service on
Earth***

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- Matthew 4: 24-25, Matthew 5: 1-2
 - Saint Chrysostom Presentation
 - Matthew 14: 22-24
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 - Insight based on the interpretation of St. Chrysostom



Thanks!

Any questions?