

- Matthew uses a series of fulfillment texts to help his audience understand that his claim of Jesus as the Messiah has prophetic backing:

Matthew Verse	Prophetic Verse	
Matt. 1:22-23	Isaiah 7:14	Virgin birth of Emmanuel – “God with us”
Matt. 2:15	Hosea 11:1	“out of Egypt”
Matt. 2:17-18	Jeremiah 31:15	Wailing for the lost children
Matt. 2:23	??	Nazarene (from Netzer – meaning branch/shoot) There is no direct prophecy about Messiah being a Nazarene. Matthew is using a technique called <i>Remez</i> (hinting toward something) – this would call to mind Isaiah 11:1 “a branch” from the stump of Jesse.
Matt. 4:14	Isaiah 9:1-2	God will honor Galilee/a great light will dawn.
Matt. 8:17	Isaiah 53:4	Taking up our infirmities
Matt. 12:17	Isaiah 42:1-4	God’s Chosen Servant
Matt. 13:35	Psalms 78:2	Speaking in parable – the prophet? In Psalm 78 it is the Psalmist speaking – not God. Psalm 78 covers the Exile and leads up to David.
Matt. 21:4	Zechariah 9:9	Arrival of the King to Jerusalem
Matt. 27:9	Jeremiah 19:1-13 Zechariah 11:12-13	Payment to Judas