

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a dirt road with tire tracks leads from the bottom center towards the middle ground. The terrain is sandy and sparsely covered with small, dry bushes. In the background, a range of rugged, brown mountains stretches across the horizon under a pale, overcast sky. The overall mood is desolate and expansive.

The Gospel of Matthew

WHY DID THE KING COME BUT NOT THE KINGDOM?

Outline to the book of Matthew:

I. The King Has Come 1:1-13:53

1. *The Incarnation and the preparation of the King 1:1 – 4:11*
2. *The Declaration of the Principles of the King 4:12 – 7:29*
3. *The Manifestation of the King 8:1 – 11:1*
4. *The Opposition to the King 11:2 – 13:53*

II. The Kingdom Has Not 13:54-28:20

5. *The Reaction of the King, 13:54 – 19:2*
6. *The Formal Presentation and Rejection of the King, 19:3 – 25:46*
7. *The Crucifixion and the Resurrection of the King, 26:1 – 28:20*

***Subpoints follow Stanley Toussaint's seven main divisions outlined in his commentary.

I. THE KING HAS COME 1:1 – 13:53

The Declaration of the Principles of the King,
4:12-7:29.

(Matthew 4:12-17)

“The Ups and Downs of the Messianic Movement”

Outline:

1. The Messenger's Persecution v. 12
2. The Messiah's Movement vv. 13-16
3. The Messiah's Message v. 17

1- The Messenger's Persecution v. 12

Observations:

- “Now” (This progresses the narrative)
- “when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison,”
 - “Now when Jesus heard”
 - Ἀκούσας δὲ (δὲ = Now + aorist part. = close time)
 - Ἀπὸ τότε “from that time” indicates the cause of departure.
 - Cf. Luke 3:19-20
- “He departed to Galilee.”

1- The Messenger's Persecution v. 12

Summary/Application:

- John's arrest prompted a change to the Messiah's ministry. It started it. But also relocated its base to Capernaum.
- John's arrest also shows the rising animosity that will culminate in the rejection of the Messiah.

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2- The Messiah's Movement vv.13-16

Observations:

- “and leaving Nazareth,” v. 13a
- “He came and dwelt in Capernaum,” v. 13b
- “which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali,”

2- The Messiah's Movement
vv.13-16

Nazareth

Capernaum



2- The Messiah's Movement vv.13-16

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- “which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali,”
- “That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet,” v. 14

Isaiah 9:1-2 context:

- Ch. 1 – The wickedness of Judah
- Ch. 2 – The future house of God 2:1-4
- Ch. 2 – The Day of the LORD 2:5-22
- Ch. 3 – The Judgments' description
- Ch. 4 – The renewal of Zion
- Chs. 5-7 – The Immanuel prophecy to Ahaz and sons of David
- Ch. 8 – Warning and remedy for Assyrian invasion
- Isaiah 9:1-2 (don't read yet)
- Zebulun and Naphtali were oppressed and harassed by Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria (cf. 2 Kings 15:29).

Isaiah 9:1-2 context:

- That oppression mentions a significant theme developed by other OT authors. (cf. Is. 8:11-14)
- Immediate context: The false response to Assyrian invasion... (cf. 8:19-22)
- Now see 9:1-2
- Then the following context: 9:3-7

WOW!

2- The Messiah's Movement vv.13-16

Summary/Application:

- Jesus now dwells in Capernaum north of the Sea of Galilee.
- These regions are the tribal territories of Zebulun and Naphtali.
- The context of Isaiah 9 communicates both present and eschatological significance.
- The prophecy essentially communicates that the oppressed will be restored and vindicated... 1st century Israel had that opportunity.

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Observations:

- “From that time”
- “Jesus began to preach and to say,”
- “repent,”
- “for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
 - Identical message as the forerunner.

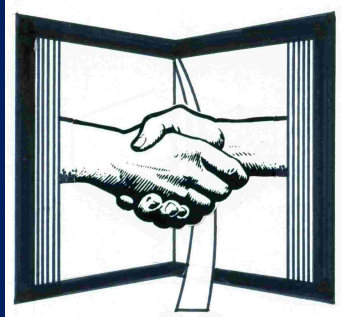
3- The Messiah's Message v. 17

Summary/Application:

- After John's arrest Jesus begins His ministry.
- Jesus set up shop in Capernaum rather than Nazareth likely due to being rejected in his own country, but also the outbreak of persecution with John would lead to premature conflict.
- While seeds of rejection are being sown. Jesus is faithful to deliver the message throughout the land.

Summary/Application:

- Jesus was led by the Spirit and circumstances and made the necessary changes. What might we learn from this example?
- John was arrested for taking a stand for God's word. What might we learn from that example?
- Jesus was faithful to preach the message appropriate to His dispensational stand-point. Do we preach the gospel of the cross where it has not been preached?



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