

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.

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The Declaration of the Principles of the King 4:12 – 7:29

(Matthew 8:1-13)

“The Manifestation of the Messiah”

Outline – Jesus demonstrates His authority over 3 areas:

1. Authority over defilement vv. 1-4
2. Authority over health vv. 5-9
3. Authority over kingdom entrance vv. 10-13

1- Authority over defilement vv. 1-4

A. Observations:

- Coming down the mountain v. 1
 - “great multitude followed Him.”
- Behold a leper v. 2 (cf. Lk. 5:12 “full of leprosy”)
 - “Saying, ‘Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.’”
- Jesus heals v. 3
 - “touched him,”
 - “Saying, ‘I am willing; be cleansed’”
 - “Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.”

1- Authority over defilement vv. 1-4

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- Behold a leper v. 2 (cf. Lk. 5:12 “full of leprosy”)
- Jesus heals v. 3
- Jesus gives instructions to the man v. 4
 - 1) “see that you tell no one;”
 - 2) “but go your way”
 - 3) “show yourself to the priest”
 - 4) “offer the gift that Moses commanded,”
- “As a testimony to them.”

1- Authority over defilement vv. 1-4

B. Summary/Application:

- The Leper had already believed and recognized Jesus for who He is.
- The Leper was near death and reaches out in faith.
- Jesus could have healed without a word but instead touched the leper.
- This shows Jesus has not only the ability to purify defilement but has authority over it.
- If Jesus is above defilement, what does it mean that believers are “in Christ?”

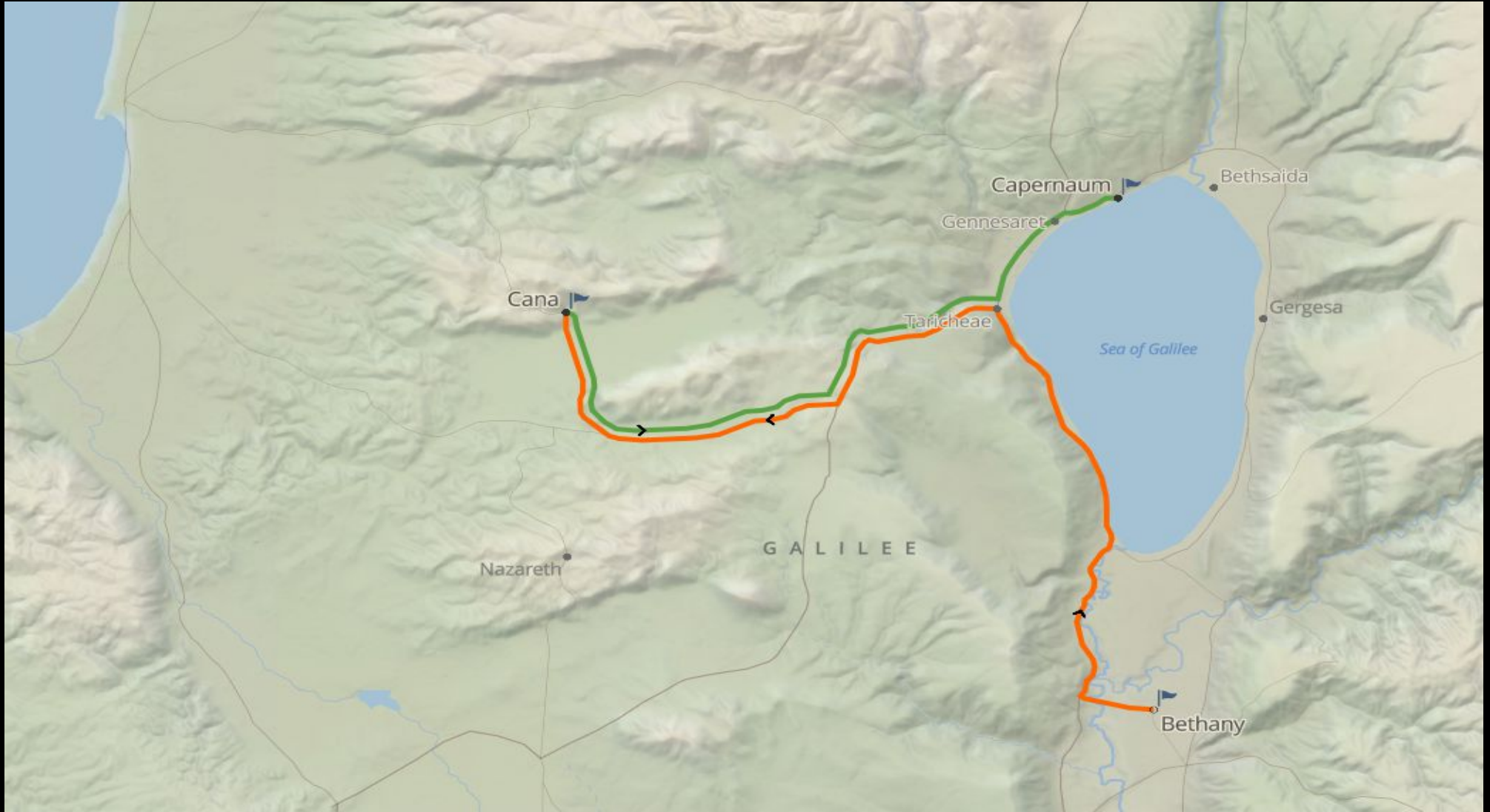
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2- Authority over health vv. 5-9

A. Observations:

- Back to Capernaum v. 5a
- A centurion approaches Jesus vv. 5b-6 (cf. Luke 7:1-8)
- Jesus agrees to heal v. 7
- The centurion's faith vv. 8-9

2- Authority over health vv. 5-9

B. Summary/Application:

- A Gentile centurion recognized the Messiah.
- Note the reverence of a man who himself is in authority.
- Do we treat our relationship with God too casually? (ex. Ezekiel 1:4-14)
- What is Matthew doing with this narrative?

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- Jesus speaks to the following crowd v. 10b-12
 - Jesus has not found such great faith, even in Israel.
 - Many Gentiles will sit with the patriarchs in the kingdom.
 - But the sons of the kingdom will be cast into outer darkness.

What is Jesus saying?

A. Who are the sons of the kingdom?

#1: Israel

#2: Those who enter both Jew and Gentile

#3: The Church

B. What is Outer Darkness?

#1: Barred entrance into the Kingdom

#2: Loss of rewards/privileges in the Kingdom

#3: Gehenna

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- The centurion’s servant healed v. 13

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B. Summary/Application:

- Matthew uses a Gentile's faith to contrast/foreshadow.
- Jesus makes the point that there will be many Gentiles in the kingdom of heaven.
- The contrast is that there will be many Israelites that will be in Outer darkness.
- Is the world "better" than believers in areas that we should excel in?
- At this moment in history the Church is used by God as a restraint on evil... Do we do that?



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