

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 8:18-22)

*“Following Christ  
at Great Personal Loss”*

Outline – Jesus gives two lessons on discipleship:

1. Discipleship Lesson #1 vv. 18-20
2. Discipleship Lesson #2 vv. 21-22

# 1- Discipleship Lesson #1: vv. 18-20

## A. Observations:

- Setting info v. 18
  - “when Jesus saw the great multitudes about Him,”
  - “He gave a command to depart to the other side.”
  - Why does Jesus leave right when things are picking up?
  - The importance of rest!

# 1- Discipleship Lesson #1: vv. 18-20

➤ In Capernaum  
(see 8:5)

➤ Going to Gergesa next  
(see 8:28)



# 1- Discipleship Lesson #1: vv. 18-20

## A. Observations:

- Setting info v. 18
- Scribal error v. 19
  - “a certain scribe” (“a scribe” NASB Lit. “one scribe”)
  - “teacher, I will follow You wherever You go.”
  - The scribe’s address was “teacher.” Not “Messiah” or “Lord?”
  - Review “scribe” function.
  - The fact that a scribe has been following Jesus, and wants to fully commit is still remarkable.



# 1- Discipleship Lesson #1: vv. 18-20

## A. Observations:

- Setting info v. 18
- Scribal error v. 19
- Jesus's correction v. 20
  - “Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head”
  - Historical context of discipleship relationship.
  - Foxes have homely comforts as do birds.
  - Jesus does not so neither will his disciples.
  - There is tremendous sacrifice to following Jesus.



# 1- Discipleship Lesson #1: vv. 18-20

## B. Summary/Application:

- As the pressures of ministry are beginning to overwhelm Jesus he seeks rest. Do we take time to rest?
- The first man appearing to have already believed, observes Jesus's soon departure and wants to follow. Are we believers and not followers?
- Jesus's response emphasizes the sacrifice involved in following Him. Have we counted the cost? Is it too much for us to pay?

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## 2- Discipleship Lesson #2: vv. 21-22

### A. Observations:

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> disciple v. 21
  - “then another disciple said to Him,”
    - i. He has been following Jesus
    - ii. He just heard the discussion
    - iii. He makes a request
  - “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.”
- Jesus’s response v. 22
  - “Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead.”

## Is Jesus being harsh?

- My past misunderstanding of this text.
- What the disciple was actually asking:
  - Jewish context of elder care and funerals.  
“In common rabbinic teaching, the firstborn son, which presumably this man was, must stay with his father until he dies. After his father’s death, the son is to stay close to where his father was buried and say the special *Kaddish* for him. Then, he is free to go wherever he wants.”

- Arnold Fruchtenbaum, YESHUA Vol. 2

## 2- Discipleship Lesson #2: vv. 21-22

### B. Summary/Application:

- Apparently, this 2<sup>nd</sup> disciples was not deterred by Jesus's response to the first man.
- This man was willing to make the sacrifices after he fulfills his initial responsibility.
- Jesus's response is emphasizing the urgency to following Him.
  - The significance of the Kingdom immanency.
  - Our context of Christ's immanent return.
  - What stands in our way to following Christ NOW?

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