

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 8:23-27)

*“A Disciple Must Be A  
Continual Learner”*

Outline – There are 4 lessons a disciple must learn:

1. The lesson of commitment v. 23

# 1- The lesson of commitment v. 23

## A. Observations:

- Jesus gets into the boat v. 23a
- The disciples follow v. 23b
- This means:
  - 1) They committed to Jesus despite v. 20
  - 2) They committed to Jesus despite v. 22
- But does this mean they were totally bought in?

# 1- The lesson of commitment v. 23

## B. Summary/Application:

- These disciples are to be commended for their commitment to follow Jesus.
- So far, Matthew has revealed 4 of the disciple's committing. (cf. Mt. 4:18-22)
- Commitment = a decision to dedicate to a person, cause, or activity.
- What is commitment without trials?

Outline – There are 4 lessons a disciple must learn:

1. The lesson of commitment v. 23
2. The lesson of trials vv. 24-25

## 2- The lesson of trials vv. 24-25

### A. Observations:

- A sudden storm v. 24a
  - A great tempest arose (σεισμὸς μέγας)
  - The boat was covered with the waves.
- Jesus asleep v. 24b
  - This emphasizes His humanity
  - Jesus has been –
    - 1) Teaching
    - 2) Healing
    - 3) and casting out demons
  - Jesus knows the plan of the Father



## 2- The lesson of trials vv. 24-25

### A. Observations:

- A sudden storm v. 24a
- Jesus asleep v. 24b
- The disciples wake Jesus v. 25a
- Their cry v. 25b
  - “Lord, save us! We are perishing!”

## 2- The lesson of trials vv. 24-25

### B. Summary/Application:

- Trials can come in many forms.
- Trials can come suddenly.
- Preparation for trials must be preconceived.
- Remember the principle of the man who built on the rock?
- Do you know the Word?
- Do you know God's plan/program?
- Do you know God's promises?
- If not, you will be overcome by your trials.

Outline – There are 4 lessons a disciple must learn:

1. The lesson of commitment v. 23
2. The lesson of trials vv. 24-25
3. The lesson of faith v. 26a

## 3- The lesson of faith v. 26a

### A. Observations:

- Jesus responds v. 26a
  - “Why are you fearful,”
  - “O you of little faith?”
- Is Jesus being unreasonable?
- Or should the disciples know better?

### 3- The lesson of faith v. 26a

#### B. Summary/Application:

- Jesus rebukes the disciples fear.
- The basis of the rebuke is their lack of faith.
- The disciples followed Jesus because they believed Him to be the Messiah.
- They also believed His message that the kingdom was at hand.
- Wouldn't this presuppose Divine protection? Especially for the MESSIAH!!!
- (cf. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob struggle with this issue)

Outline – There are 4 lessons a disciple must learn:

1. The lesson of commitment v. 23
2. The lesson of trials vv. 24-25
3. The lesson of faith v. 26a
4. The lesson of loyalty vv. 26b-27

## 4- The lesson of loyalty vv. 26b-27

### A. Observations:

- Jesus rebukes the storm v. 26b
  - “He arose and rebuked the winds”
  - “and the sea”
  - “and there was a great calm.”
  - This emphasizes His Deity.
- The disciples marvel v. 27a
- The disciples question v. 27b
  - “Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”

B. Summary/Application: **4- The lesson of loyalty vv. 26b-27**

- Jesus is God.
- As God, Jesus can command creation. Reminiscent of God speaking in the creation account.
- The disciples marveled... This indicates that they are surprised by the abilities of the Man they are following.
- The disciples wondered what type of Man Jesus was... This indicates that they don't fully grasp the important truths of Christ's identity.
- Knowledge leads to Faith and faith leads to loyalty and loyalty is what a faithful disciple is called to.
- Will we follow God no matter what comes?



*Romans 10:17 (NKJV)*

17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

*2 Peter 3:18 (NKJV)*

18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.



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