

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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3. The Manifestation of the King 8:1 – 11:1

(Matthew 11:1-15)

*“Overcoming Doubt as a  
Follower of Christ”*

## Outline –

1. Developing doubt vv. 1-3
2. Dealing with doubt vv. 4-6
3. Dismantling doubt vv. 7-15

## 1- Developing doubt vv. 1-3

### A. Observation:

- Jesus' ministry goes on v. 1
- John is updated in prison v. 2a
- John sends two disciples v. 2b
- John's question v. 3

“Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?”

## 1- Developing doubt vv. 1-3

### Review of truths about John:

- John's preaching Jn. 1:19-28
- John's understanding Jn. 1:29-34
- John's imprisonment Lk. 3:19-20

## Summary/Application:

- John was crucial to the kingdom announcement.
- John witnessed and therefore testified that Jesus IS the Messiah.
- John was imprisoned and everything fell apart?
- Why does doubt creep in?
- What can we learn from this?

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## A. Observation:

- **Jesus tells them to testify to John that:**

- 1) The blind see (cf. Is. 35:4-6)
- 2) The lame walk (cf. Is. 35:4-6)
- 3) The lepers are cleansed (cf. Is. 35:4-6)
- 4) The deaf hear (cf. Is. 35:4-6)
- 5) The dead are raised (Is. 26:19)
- 6) The poor have the gospel preached to them (cf. Is. 61:1)
- 7) Blessed for not offended by Jesus. (cf. Is. 8:13-14; Mt. 18:6-11)

## Summary/Application:

- Jesus fulfilled the Messianic prophecies concerning the signs of the Kingdom.
- Why does Jesus deal with John's doubt this way?
- What can we learn about this response for our own doubt?
- Truth is the sanctuary of the believer!

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## 3- Dismantling doubt vv. 7-15

### A. Observations:

- Questions –

“What did you go out into the wilderness to see?”

1) A reed shaken by the wind? v. 7

2) A man clothed in soft garments? v. 8

3) A prophet? v. 9a-b

### 3- Dismantling doubt vv. 7-15

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1) A reed shaken by the wind? v. 7

➤ Following the crowds?

2) A man clothed in soft garments? v. 8

➤ Following the influential?

3) A prophet? v. 9a-b

➤ Following the Truth?

## Summary/Application:

- Why did you come to Jesus?
- When doubt wants to get a foothold in your life what can you do?
- When you are struggling in the Christian life what can you do?
- Doubt strips our armor by its basis in lies, truth is the belt! (cf. Eph. 6:14)

## 3- Dismantling doubt vv. 7-15

### A. Observations:

- Questions
- Affirmations –
  - 1) Yes, and more than a prophet. V. 9c
  - 2) The prophesied forerunner v. 10 (Mal. 3:1)
  - 3) The greatest man v. 11
  - 4) The kingdom suffers violence v. 12
  - 5) The precursors v. 13
  - 6) Elijah vv. 14-15

### 3- Dismantling doubt vv. 7-15

Affirmations – Lessons we can learn

- The crowds witnessed the work of God.
- John IS the forerunner.
- The least in the kingdom is greater than the greatest man.
- The kingdom has faced opposition.
- God's word will always withstand opposition.



## Summary/Application:

- Have you witnessed the work of God in your life?
- We must learn to wait and depend upon the Lord and not our desires and circumstances.
- Don't let doubt swallow up the truth by having enough truth so that doubt gets choked out.
- Do you have ears to hear? (Ezek. 12:2)

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