

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.

II. THE KINGDOM HAS NOT 13:54-28:20

5. The Reaction of the King, 13:54 – 19:2

(Matthew 13:54-58)

*“The danger of ignorance and
bad information”*

Outline –

1. Driving the point home v. 54a
2. Doubting the point vv. 54c-56
3. Developing the point vv. 57-58

1. Driving the point home v. 54a

➤ Jesus returns v. 54a

- “When he had come to His own country”
- Cf. Mt. 2:23
- Nazareth



Mediterranean Sea

PHOENICIA

SYRIA

GALILEE

Nazareth

Sea of Galilee

DECAPOLIS

SAMARIA

PEREA

JUDEA

Sea

Sarepta

Tyre

Caesarea Philippi

Chorazin

Capernaum

Bethsaida

Ptolemais

Cana

Country of the Gerasenes

Caesarea

Salem

Aenon

Samaria

Sychar

Apollonia

Joppa

Antipatris

Lydda

Arimathea

Ephraim

Azotus

Emmaus

Jericho

Jerusalem

Bethany

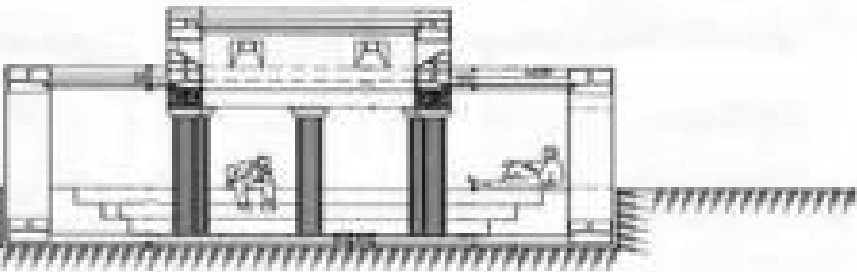
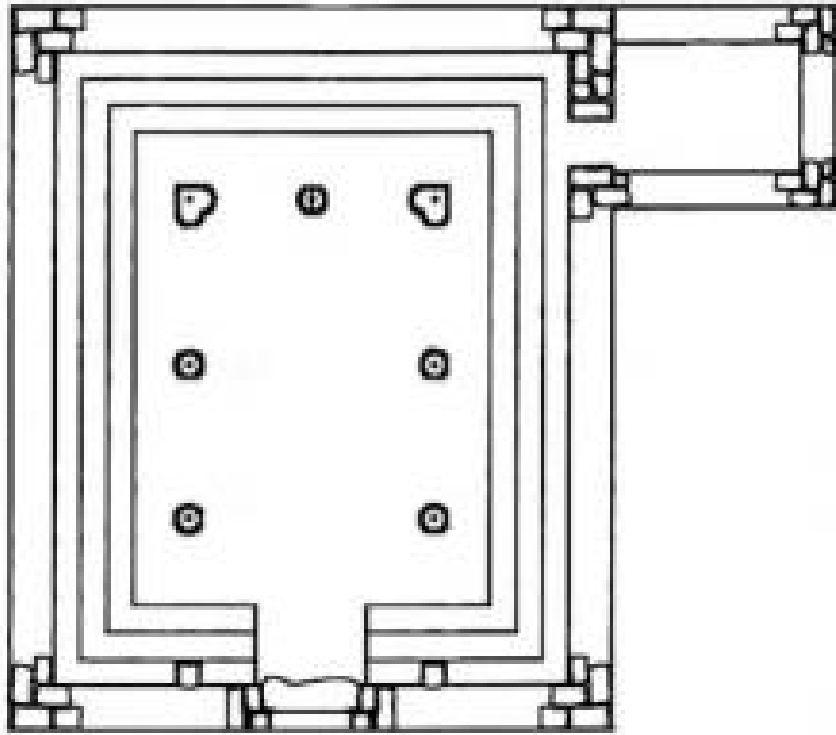
Bethlehem

Bethany east of the Jordan

Jordan River

1. Driving the point home v. 54a

- Jesus returns v. 54a
- Jesus teaches v. 54b
 - “He taught them in their synagogue”



Synagogue

- Community center
- Prayer
- Torah Study
- Communal meals
- Court

1. Driving the point home v. 54a

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 - “He taught them in their synagogue”
 - Teaching, preaching and healing

1. Summary:

- Jesus returns to Nazareth
- Jesus conducted kingdom ministry
- Nazareth was likely informed of Jesus
- Matthew seems to be setting up the extent of their information and its origin.

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➤ 6 questions:

1) Where?

2) His father?

3) His mother

4) His brothers?

5) His sisters?

6) Where? cf. the leaven

Inclusio

2. Doubting the point vv. 54c-56

➤ Their issue:

1) They were misinformed

2) They were doubtful

➤ About Jesus' father

➤ About Jesus' mother

➤ About Jesus' brothers

➤ About Jesus' sisters

3) They were unbelieving v. 58

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➤ They stumble v. 57a

- “So they were offended at Him”
- “offended” (ἐσκανδαλίζοντο) Impf. Pass.
- From σκανδαλίζω = cause to sin, to stumble
- Lit. “they were stumbling because of Him”

Stumbling:

- Context – Isaiah 8 (esp. vv.14-18)
- To John's disciples – Mt. 11:6
- Parable of the soils – Mt. 13:21
- The Pharisees – Mt. 15:12
- The children – Mt. 18:6
- The disciples – Mt. 26:31-33

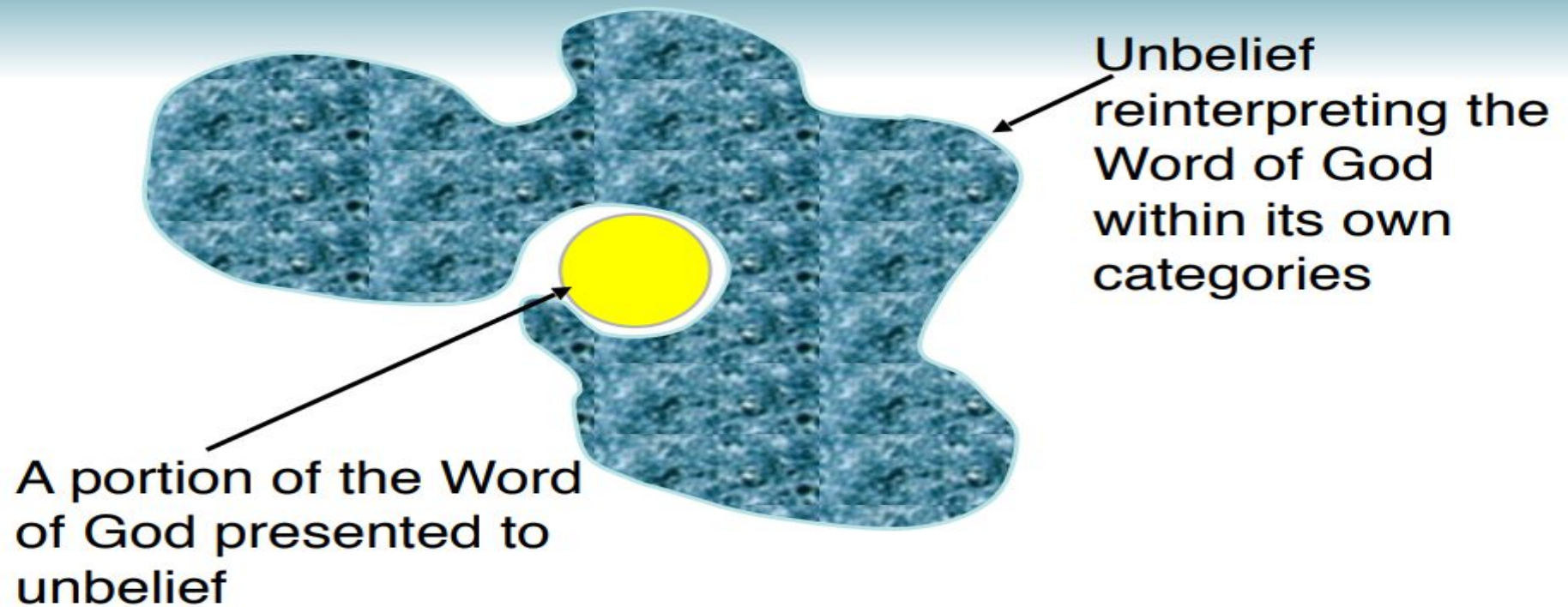
3. Developing the point vv. 57-58

- They stumble v. 57a
- Jesus responds vv. 57b-58
 - A message of rebuke v. 57b
 - A sign of judgment v. 58

Application: teach, rebuke, correct, train

- Where does our information come from?
- Where does doubt come from?
- What defends us from stumbling?

Unbelief Swallowing up a Bit of the Word of God



“Unbelief controls my interpretation of the situation”

Application: teach, rebuke, correct, train

- Where does our information come from?
- Where does doubt come from?
- What defends us from stumbling?
- Is there a structure of truth developing us?



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