

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 14:1-12)

“The Human Response to Conviction”

Painting the Picture:

➤ The Context:

- The unpardonable sin 12:31-37
- The parabolic teaching 13:1-53
- The hometown rejection 13:54-58

Painting the Picture:

- The scene: 14:1-12 (read)
 - Herod's conflict with John
 - Herod covers for Herodias and Philip
 - Herodias uses Herod's office to kill John

Outline –

1. Experiencing Conviction vv. 1-2
2. Resisting Conviction vv. 3-5
3. Fighting Conviction vv. 6-11
4. Being the Conviction v. 12

1. Experiencing Conviction vv. 1-2

➤ Herod

- “the tetrarch” (A client King)
- Herod Antipas (The 2nd Herod)

➤ Herod

1. Experiencing Conviction vv. 1-2

1) Herod the great (47 – 4 B.C.)

- King during birth narrative.

2) Herod Antipas (4 B.C. – 39 A.D.)

- King during trial narrative (John the Baptist's Executor)

3) Herod Agrippa I (37 – 44 A.D.)

- Persecutor of the Church (cf. Acts 12)

4) Herod Agrippa II (50-100 A.D.)

- Heard Paul's testimony (cf. Acts 26)

1. Experiencing Conviction vv. 1-2

- Herod
- Herod hears the report v. 1
 - Jesus' miracles cf. v. 2d

1. Experiencing Conviction vv. 1-2

- Herod
- Herod hears the report v. 1
- Herod's conclusion v. 2
 - 1) This is John the Baptist (cf. Mt. 16:13-17)
 - 2) He is risen from the dead
 - 3) These powers are at work in him

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➤ The background:

- Herodias was married to Philip (son of Herod the Great)
- Left Philip and was mistress to a step-uncle.
- Married Herod Antipas. (son of Herod the Great)
- Herod's first wife was still living.

3 counts of adultery and 2 counts of incest!

2. Resisting Conviction vv. 3-5

- Controlling the situation v. 3
 - Cf. Mk. 6:17-20

2. Resisting Conviction vv. 3-5

- Controlling the situation v. 3
- Covering up sin v. 4
- Convinced of the solution v. 5

Summary/Application:

- Human response will seek to control what it can control. (cf. David, Bathsheba, Uriah)
- Human response will seek to cover up sin. (cf. Gen. 3:6-8)
- Human response will seek to convince you of what should be done.
- Resist the resistance of conviction!

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3. Fighting Conviction vv. 6-11

- Be aware of your surroundings v. 6
- Be cautious with your speech vv. 7-11

Summary/Application:

- “Make no provision for the flesh” (Rom. 13:14)
- Controlling the tongue (cf. James 3:2-8)

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- John the servant of God.
- The world's hatred. (cf. John 15:18-25; 16:7-11)

Application: teach, rebuke, correct, train

- Understand the process of resisting conviction.
- The path of sin is a train headed for the slaughterhouse. GET OFF!
- The path of righteousness will lead to persecution.
- If you are going to suffer let it be for righteousness!



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