

The background of the image is a wide-angle photograph of a desert. A light-colored dirt road with visible tire tracks curves from the bottom center towards the middle ground. The landscape is arid, with sparse, low-lying desert shrubs and small trees. In the distance, a range of rugged, brown mountains rises against a pale, overcast sky. The overall tone is somber and contemplative.

The Gospel of Matthew

WHY DID THE KING COME BUT NOT THE KINGDOM?

What are the advantages of life? (humanly speaking)



➤ The Immediate Context:

1) Faith 17:14-21

2) Death, burial, resurrection 17:22-23

3) Humility 18:1-5

4) Forgiveness 18:21-35

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

6. The Formal Presentation and Rejection of the King, 19:3 – 25:46

(Matthew 19:16-26)

“Your Best is NOT Good Enough!”

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1. Seeking Entrance vv. 16-19
2. Falling Short vv. 20-22
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1. Seeking Entrance vv. 16-19

A. Determining what is being said:

- Someone comes to Jesus asking about what “good” thing they must do to have eternal life v. 16
 - “one came” (cf. Lk. 18:18 a man, a ruler
*synagogue ruler, rich cf. 22)

1. Seeking Entrance vv. 16-19

A. Determining what is being said:

➤ Jesus challenges the ruler's question premise v. 17

1) Good?

2) Keep the commandments (Jesus uses the questioner's premise of good... the law is good)

1. Seeking Entrance vv. 16-19

A. Determining what is being said:

- The ruler asks for clarification on which commands and Jesus lists six things vv. 18-19
 - Why does Jesus mention what He does, and exclude others?

The “10” Commandments:

First 5 (Vertical commands) – Exodus 20

- 1) No other gods v. 3
- 2) No carved images v. 4
- 3) No bowing or serving them v. 5
- 4) No taking Lord's name in vain v. 7
- 5) Remember the Sabbath vv. 8-11

The “10” Commandments:

Last “10” Commands (Horizontal commands) –

- 6) Honor your father and your mother v. 12
- 7) No murder v. 13
- 8) No adultery v. 14
- 9) No stealing v. 15
- 10) No false witness v. 16
- 11) No coveting v. 17
 - Neighbor’s house, wife, servants, livestock

1. Seeking Entrance vv. 16-19

B. Determining what to do:

- Do I understand the requirements to ENTER the kingdom?

1. Seeking Entrance vv. 16-19

B. Determining what to do:

- How does the law demonstrate to someone how they fall short?

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2. Falling Short vv. 20-22

A. Determining what is being said:

- The ruler claims to have kept these from his youth and asks what is missing v. 20
 - He recognizes being incomplete (falling short)

2. Falling Short vv. 20-22

- Assessing his claim according to Jesus' corrected teaching on the law:
 - 7) No murder
 - “whoever is angry with his brother” Mt. 5:22
 - 8) No adultery
 - “whoever looks at a woman TO lust for her”
Mt. 5:28

2. Falling Short vv. 20-22

- Assessing his claim according to Jesus' corrected teaching on the law:
 - 9) No stealing
 - 10) No false witness (cf. Mt. 5:33-37)
 - 11) Honoring parents (cf. Mt. 15:4-6)
 - 12) Loving his neighbor (cf. Mt. 5:43-48)

2. Falling Short vv. 20-22

A. Determining what it says:

- Jesus tells him how to be “complete” by selling his possessions, giving them to the poor, and to follow Him.” v. 21
- The man departs from Jesus sorrowful because of his wealth v. 22

2. Falling Short vv. 20-22

B. Determining what to do:

➤ How do I handle conviction?

2. Falling Short vv. 20-22

B. Determining what to do:

➤ What should my response be to falling short?

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A. Determining what it says:

- Jesus teaches His disciples about the obstacle wealth poses for kingdom entrance v. 24 (cf. Mt. 13:22)
- The astonished disciples ask who can enter v. 25
- Jesus summarizes point: Man cannot, God can v. 26

3. Overcoming Obstacles vv. 23-26

B. Determining what to do:

- Human righteousness cannot meet the standards of the kingdom (Mt. 11:11; 18:1-5)

3. Overcoming Obstacles vv. 23-26

B. Determining what to do:

- God can enable anyone to enter the kingdom.

3. Overcoming Obstacles vv. 23-26

B. Determining what to do:

- Have a submitted myself to the grace of God?

Summary/Application:

- What does God demand of those who would be saved?
- What does Jesus teach concerning the standard of discipleship?
- Where is our hope and dependency placed?

Humbly submit yourself to God!



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