

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 left towards the center of the frame. The road is flanked by sparse, low-lying desert vegetation. In the distance, a range of rugged, brown mountains rises against a pale, overcast sky. The overall tone of the image is muted and atmospheric.

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

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

(Matthew 26:1-16)

*“Three Responses to Jesus
The Messiah”*

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1. The first response: plotting to kill vv. 1-5
2. The second response: preparing to worship vv. 6-13
3. The third response: planning to betray vv. 14-16

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- Jesus' announcement vv. 1-2
 - After the Olivet Discourse. v. 1a
 - Addressed to His disciples. v. 1b
 - The time of fulfillment v. 2a
 - The act of fulfillment v. 2b

1. The first response: plotting to kill vv. 1-5

- The gathering of religious leaders vv. 3-5
 - A. Those gathered v. 3
 - 1) Chief priests
 - 2) The scribes
 - 3) The elders
 - 4) The High Priest (Caiaphas cf. Jn. 11:45-53)

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- The gathering of religious leaders vv. 3-5
 - A. Those gathered v. 3
 - B. Their plot v. 4
 - Take Jesus
 - By trickery (lit. deceit)
 - And kill Him

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- The gathering of religious leaders vv. 3-5
 - A. Those gathered v. 3
 - B. Their plot v. 4
 - C. Their obstacle v. 5
 - Not during the feast
 - Lest there be an uproar

1. The first response: plotting to kill vv. 1-5

Summary/Application:

- No matter one's response, God is in control.
- God prepares His people for trials.
- Religion as an obstacle to worship.
- Human VP vs. Divine VP (cf. v. 5)

Here, religion is shown to be hostile to righteousness. How often do I find myself in opposition to God in similar ways? (cf. Js. 4:4)

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2. The second response: preparing to worship vv. 6-13

➤ The place of worship v. 6

- In Bethany
- Simon the Leper
 - A friend of Jesus



2. The second response: preparing to worship vv. 6-13

➤ The provision of worship v. 7

- “a woman” (cf. John 12:1-11)
- “alabaster flask”
- “of costly fragrant oil”
 - spikenard (cf. Jn. 12:3; SoS. 1:12)

2. The second response: preparing to worship vv. 6-13

- The practice of worship v. 7
 - Why did she do this?
 - Cf. John 11:1-5, 18-29, 32-44

2. The second response: preparing to worship vv. 6-13

- The disciple's problem of worship vv. 8-9
 - The disciples saw it v. 8a
 - The disciple's response
 - 1) They were indignant v. 8b
 - 2) They considered it a waste v. 8c
 - 3) Their suggestion v. 9

2. The second response: preparing to worship vv. 6-13

- The disciples rebuked by Jesus vv. 10-13
 - Jesus rebukes them v. 10
 - 1) His question v. 10b
 - 2) His statement v. 10c
 - Jesus explains vv. 11-13
 - 1) You always have the poor... not me
 - 2) The oil was for my burial v. 12
 - 3) This act will be a memorial v. 13

2. The second response: preparing to worship vv. 6-13

Summary/Application:

- How do past lessons prepare for future worship?
- Why do I worship?
- How do I worship?

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- The pursuit of betrayal v. 14
- The bargain of betrayal v. 15
 - “thirty pieces of silver” = an annual wage
 - Cf. the buried talents...
- The patience of betrayal v. 16

3. The third response: planning to betray vv. 14-16

Summary/Application:

- What entices me away from God?
- How do I cultivate loyalty to God?

Summary:

- What is my response to the LORD?
 - 1) Plotting to kill
 - 2) Preparing to worship
 - 3) Planning to betray

- How do I plot, prepare, and plan to worship Him forever?



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