

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

(Matthew 26:30-46)

*“A prepared Servant prepares”*

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## The Mount of Olives:

➤ It is where –

- 1) David's flight from Absalom's rebellion (2 Sam. 15:30-32)
- 2) Solomon built high places (1 Kings 11:7-8)
- 3) Josiah's reform "Mount of Corruption" (2 Kings 23:13)
- 4) The Shechinah glory departed (Ezek. 10; 11:23)
- 5) The Messiah's return (Zech. 14:4)
- 6) "Triumphal" entry (Lk. 19:29) and Jesus' grief (Lk. 19:37)
- 7) The Olivet Bible School (Mt. 24-25; Lk. 21:37; 22:39)
- 8) Jesus' ascension (Acts 1:9-12)

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  - “They sung a hymn” (The Hallel)

## The Hallel as panoramic history?

➤ The Hallel (Pss. 113-118; Read Ps. 116)

- 1) Praise of the Creator and His care of creation Ps. 113
- 2) Praise of the Deliverer in the Exodus Ps. 114
- 3) Praise of the One True God and denouncing idols Ps. 115
- 4) Praise for God's deliverance from death Ps. 116
- 5) Call to Gentiles to praise Ps. 117
- 6) Praise to God for His triumphant righteousness Ps. 118

## Summary/Application:

- Jesus and disciples sang praises.
- How can singing help God's people?
- How can praise prepare God's people?
- What should the content be of our praise?
- Do I take time to praise?
- Does my praise prepare me?

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  - Jesus prepares them for stumbling v. 31
    - 1) The act v. 31a
    - 2) The time v. 31b
    - 3) The principle v. 31c (cf. Zech. 13:7-9)
  - The doctrine of stumbling

## The doctrine of stumbling:

- “Behold I lay in Zion a stone” Is. 28:16
- “a stone of stumbling and rock of offense” Is. 8:14
- “blessed is the one not offended because of Me”  
Mt. 11:6
- The Pharisees “offended” Mt. 15:12
- The little ones “caused to sin” Mt. 18:6

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  - Jesus prepares them for reunion v. 32

## Summary/Application:

- Jesus informs them that they all will stumble.
- Within hours this stumbling will take place.
- Jesus foretells their reunion.
- How do I stumble today?
- Am I prepared for stumbling?
- Why is eternal security important?

## 1. God's Servant prepares others vv. 30-35

- Prepared against pride vv. 33-35
  - Peter boasts that he will not stumble even if all others do v. 33
  - Jesus foretells Peter's three-fold denial v. 34 (cf. Lk. 22:31-34)
  - Peter doubles down and proclaims even if it means his death he will not deny Jesus v. 35

## Summary/Application:

- Peter wrote checks his faith couldn't cash.
- Faith CAN stand fast against failure.
- Stumbling is a possibility.
- Failure doesn't mean faith is destroyed.
- Jesus prayed for Peter's (and the rest's) restoration
- Restoration is perhaps the biggest blessing for believers?

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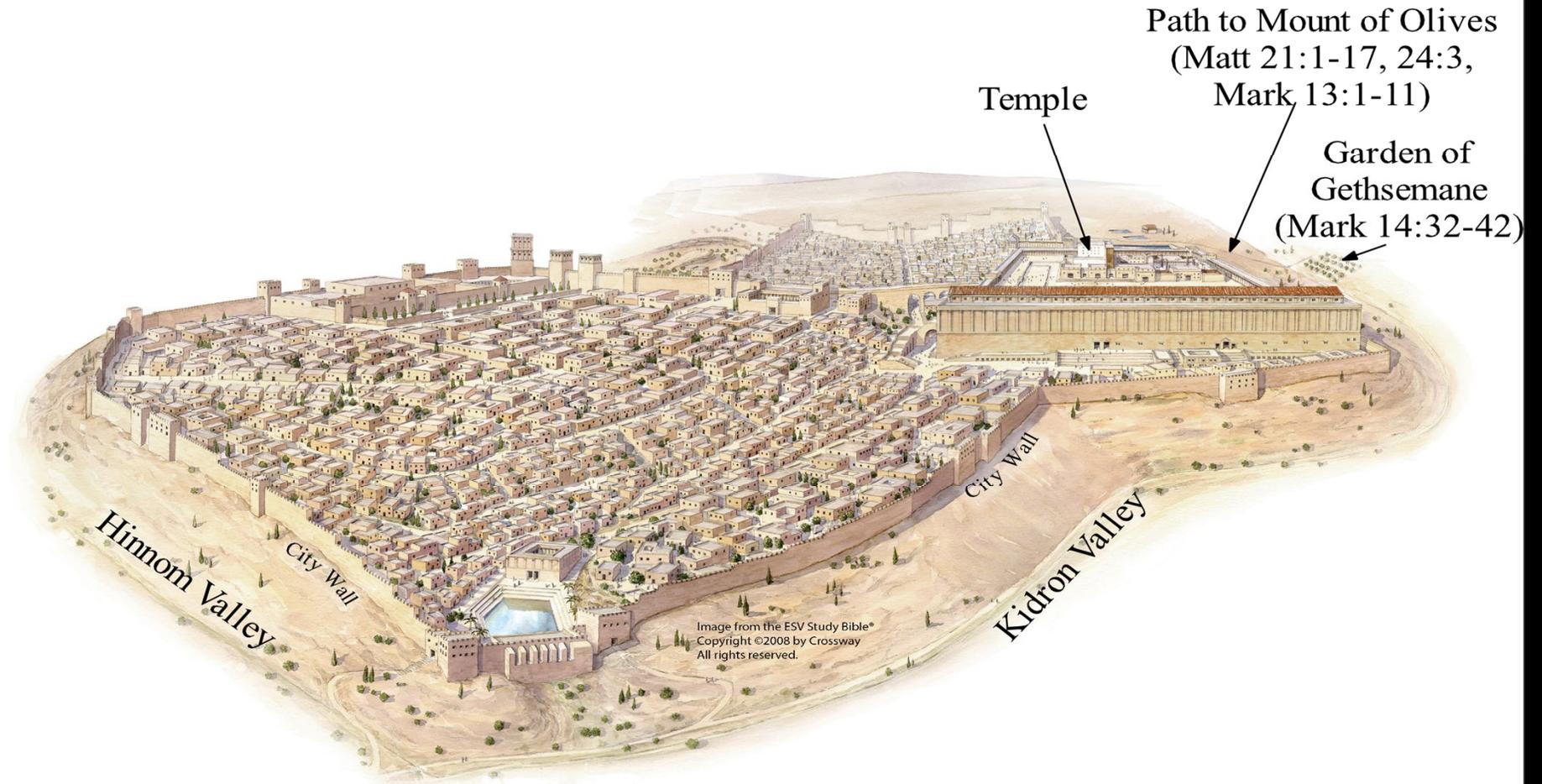
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# Jerusalem At The Time Of Jesus



## 2. God's Servant prepares Himself vv. 36-46

- Changing location v. 36
- Narrowing the group v. 37

“Jesus first had left the multitude in order to be with His disciples in the upper room. There Judas had forsaken him. He went with the remaining eleven to the entrance to the Garden of Gethsemane. There, He had left eight of the disciples and took the faithful three with Him into the inner garden, Then He had left the three and retired to pray. The incidents relating to the whole scene emphasize the loneliness of Christ as He took upon Himself the sins of the whole world.”

- G. Campbell Morgan

## 2. God's Servant prepares Himself vv. 36-46

➤ 3 series of preparation:

The first series vv. 38-40

1) Instruction v. 38

2) Prayer v. 39

3) Rebuke v. 40

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➤ 3 series of preparation:

The second series vv. 41-43

1) Instruction v. 41

2) Prayer v. 42

3) Rebuke v. 43

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The third series vv. 44-46

1) Prayer v. 44

2) Rebuke v. 45

3) Instruction v. 46

## Summary/Application:

- Jesus prepared the disciples for suffering.
- Jesus prepared Himself for His suffering.
- What activities am I implementing in my life to prepare me for suffering and future ministry?
- What role does prayer play in my life?
- How can I prepare others?



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