

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

7. The Crucifixion and the Resurrection of the King, 26:1 – 28:20

(Matthew 26:47-56)

*“The final lesson before
the cross”*

REVIEW:

- Jesus prepares for His sacrifice.
- The fellowship observes Passover.
- Jesus taught in the upper room (cf. Jn. 15:1-7)
- Peter's denial foretold 26:31-35
- Final lesson 26:36-46 esp. v. 41

Outline:

1. The unbeliever's weakness vv. 47-50

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➤ The covert cohort v. 47

- The sudden shift v. 47a
- The betrayer v. 47b
- The cohort v. 47c

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➤ The sign of betrayal vv. 48-50

- The sign v. 48
- The betrayal v. 49
- The arrest v. 50
 - The arresting question v. 50a (cf. Ps. 41... esp. v. 9)

Summary/Application:

- The three enemies...
- Unbelievers are subject to the world system
- Unbelievers are in bondage to the flesh (Rom. 7:18)
- Unbelievers are children of the devil? (cf. Jn. 8:44)
- The mechanism of spiritual darkness

If you have not been born again through faith in Christ you CANNOT overcome the three enemies.
You MUST trust Christ.

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2. The believer's weakness vv. 51, 56b

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➤ Reacting in the flesh v. 51

- Reactionary v. 51a
- One of the eleven v. 51a
 - Matthew: “one of those were with Jesus”
 - Mark: “one of those who stood by”
 - Luke: “one of them”
 - John: “Simon Peter”

2. The believer's weakness vv. 51, 56b

➤ Peter's attack v. 51b

- Struck the servant of the High Priest
 - “Malchus” Jn. 18:10
- Cut off his ear
 - “right ear” (cf. Lk. And Jn.)
- The disciple's weakness v. 51b

Summary/Application:

- Peter is selective in his obedience.
- Peter was sincere in his claim. (cf. v. 35)
- Peter is learning the flesh is weak!

“Peter had argued with the Word, denied the Word, and disobeyed the Word (when he went to sleep).
Now he ran ahead of the Word.” - Wiersbe

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3. The path to victory vv. 52-56

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- Committed to peace v. 52
- Committed to the Father v. 53 (cf. Is. 37:36)
- Committed to Scripture v. 54
- Committed to righteousness v. 55
- Committed to suffering v. 56

Summary/Application:

- Matthew argues for Jesus' Messiahship throughout this book. Here the emphasis is on the suffering servant.
- Reliance on God and His word is the "path to victory" for believers.
- Peace and righteousness are the intended pursuits for believers.
- Suffering is a reality for believers, but God oversees and provides victory! (cf. Rom. 8:18-30)



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