

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 26:57-75)

“God on trial before religion”

Outline:

1. Setting the Stage vv. 57-58

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- Jesus brought before religious authorities v. 57
 - Brought to Caiaphas (high priest)
 - Scribes are present
 - Elders are present

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➤ Peter followed v. 58

- At a distance
- Remained in the high priest's courtyard

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2. The Sinister Synagogue vv. 59-68

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- The religious trial vv. 59-60
 - The synagogue system (a review)
 - BTW the “synagogue of Satan” (Rev. 3:9)

2. The Sinister Synagogue vv. 59-68

- The religious trial vv. 59-60
 - Seeking false testimony v. 59b
 - “sought”
 - “false testimony” (cf. Ex. 20:16; Mt. 5:33-37)
 - “against Jesus”
 - “to put Him to death”

2. The Sinister Synagogue vv. 59-68

- The religious trial vv. 59-60
 - Acquiring false testimony v. 60
 - “but found none”
 - “many... came forward, they found none”
 - “at last two... came forward”

2. The Sinister Synagogue vv. 59-68

- The religious trial vv. 59-60
 - False testimony #1 v. 61

“I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.” (cf. Jn. 2:18-21)

2. The Sinister Synagogue vv. 59-68

- The religious trial vv. 59-60
 - The defense vv. 62-63a
 - The high priest's questioning v. 62
 - Jesus' silence v. 63a

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- The religious trial vv. 59-60
 - Putting God under oath v. 63 *note the irony!
 - Testifying to the truth v. 64

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- The religious conclusion vv. 65-68
 - Accuse of blasphemy v. 65
 - Assemble support v. 66
 - Assault the defendant v. 67
 - Animosity toward the defendant v. 68

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➤ The religious conclusion vv. 65-68

“This was the most unjust trial in human history... and yet it produced the most just provision in redemptive history.”

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3. The Shaken Saint vv. 69-75

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- Peter's first false testimony vv. 69-70
 - A cautious denial
- Peter's second false testimony vv. 71-72
 - A confirmed denial
- Peter's third false testimony vv. 73-74
 - A cursed denial
- Peter remembers v. 75

Summary/Application:

- Christ stands as the faithful witness. (cf. v. 64)
- The world produces false witnesses.
- Even believers can become false witnesses.
- What defends the believer?
- What kind of witness am I?



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