

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.

- The Roman occupation of Israel was tightening.
- The Jews were craving independence.
- By 6 A. D. Rome had consolidated Judea and Samaria into one Roman province.
- In 26 A.D. Tiberius Caesar appoints Pontius Pilate as prefect.
- This was a volatile region, and one ripe for revolt.
- The stage was perfectly set to test Israel's true desires for the future.

Historical context:

II. THE KINGDOM HAS NOT 13:54-28:20

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

(Matthew 27:1-14)

*“The Trial of GOD – and
the Verdict on Man”*

Outline:

1. The Trial of GOD vv. 1-2, 11-14

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- The Sanhedrin Trial (review) –
 - They already had a verdict.
 - They veiled their sin with conformity.
 - They blasphemed Christ.
 - They abused Christ.
 - They despised Christ.

1. The Trial of GOD vv. 1-2, 11-14

- The Roman Trial vv. 1-2, 11-14 –
 - Their objective v. 1
 - Their obstacle v. 2

Pilate's two trials of Jesus:

➤ Order of events:

- 1) Sanhedrin trial (Mt. 26:57-68)
- 2) Pilate's 1st trial (Lk. 23:1-7)
- 3) Herod's trial (Lk. 23:8-12)
- 4) Pilate's 2nd trial (Lk. 23:13-25)

Pilate's two trials of Jesus:

➤ Summary of events:

- The Sanhedrin committed a rushed, illegal, and fraudulent trial of Jesus.
- Pilate finds no fault in Jesus and sends Him to Herod.
- Herod gets no response from Jesus and mistreats Him before sending Him back to Pilate.
- Pilate is insistent about releasing Him but is demanded to release Barabbas, not Jesus.

1. The Trial of GOD vv. 1-2, 11-14

➤ The Roman Trial vv. 11-14 –

- The Prefect's question v. 11a
- The Prefect's answer v. 11b
- The thunderous silence v. 12
- Pilate's plea v. 13
- Pilate's perplexion v. 14

Outline:

1. The Trial of GOD vv. 1-2, 11-14
2. The Verdict on Man vv. 3-10

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➤ Matthew's parenthesis

- Only Matthew records Judas' death.
- Matthew does not record Herod's trial.
(why?)

2. The Verdict on Man vv. 3-10

➤ Judas' repentance vv. 3-4

- Colaborated the arrest v. 3a
- Witness to the verdict v. 3b
- Remorse over the verdict v. 3c
- Returns the money v. 3c
- Repents of his betrayal v. 4a
 Their blunt response v. 4b

2. The Verdict on Man vv. 3-10

➤ Judas' death vv. 5-10

- Final act v. 5

Many scholars believe the place of hanging was in the convergence of the Kidron and Hinnom valleys...

2. The Verdict on Man vv. 3-10

➤ Fulfilling prophecy vv. 6-10

1) The pious problem v. 6

2) The purchase price vv. 7-8

- It was poetic – the money used to betray Christ, is used to purchase a resting place for Gentiles.
- It was prophetic – “The potter’s field”

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➤ Fulfilling prophecy vv. 6-10

- 1) The pious problem v. 6
- 2) The purchase price vv. 7-8
- 3) The prophetic punch vv. 9-10
 - Quoted Zechariah 11:13
 - Is Jeremiah 18:2; 19:1, 11 involved?

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➤ Fulfilling prophesy vv. 6-10

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“The Talmudic tradition show that the prophetic writings in the order of their place in the sacred books were Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Isaiah, etc. This order is found in many Hebrew MSS. Matthew, then, quoted the passage as from the roll of the prophets, which roll is cited by the first book.” – Charles Feinberg

Summary/Application:

- The deception of External righteousness.
- The inability of the flesh.
- The reality of Your trial.
- Repenting about repentance.
- The glory of substitution.



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