

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 27:45-56)

“The Inescapable Truth”

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A. The timing v. 45

➤ 6th hour (noon)

➤ 9th hour (3 pm)

➤ Darkness over all the land.

- “darkness” (γῆν) = earth or land

1. The blood of the Lamb vv. 45-50

A. The timing v. 45

B. The declaration vv. 46-47

➤ About the 9th hr. v. 46a

➤ Jesus cried out with a loud voice

Aramaic: “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?”

Greek: “Ἠλι ἡλι λεμα σαβαχθανι”

English: “My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?” (cf. Ps. 22:1)

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➤ The crowd's response:

“This Man is calling for Elijah!”

1) Phonetic confusion

2) Deliberate mockery

3) Ironic theology

4) Just a prophet

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A. The timing v. 45

B. The declaration vv. 46-47

C. The mocking vv. 48-49

➤ Helping or hurting? v. 48

(cf. Mk. 15:36) (cf. Ps. 69:21)

➤ The callous crowd v. 49

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- A. The timing v. 45
- B. The declaration vv. 46-47
- C. The mocking vv. 48-49
- D. The passing v. 50

The Passing v. 50

- Jesus cried out again v. 50a
 - “yielded up His spirit” v. 50b
 - “yielded” (ἀφῆκεν)
 - Verb, aorist, active, indicative, 3P, sg. (HE dismissed His own spirit)
- 1) Sin-bearing, but sovereign. (cf. Jn. 10:18)
 - 2) Physically died.
 - 3) The gospel accounts are Scripture
(cf. 1 Cor. 15:3 with Mt., Mk., Lk., Jn.)

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A. The signs vv. 51-53

1) The torn veil v. 51a

- Of the temple
- From top to bottom
- Significance? (cf. Heb. 9:1-15)

2) The shaken land v. 51b

3) The split rocks v. 51c

4) The open graves v. 52

2. The word of testimony vv. 51-56

B. The witness vv. 54-56

➤ Context (cf. Deut. 30:19; 32:1)

1) Heaven

- The veil was torn in two v. 51a
- From top to bottom

2. The word of testimony vv. 51-56

B. The witness vv. 54-56

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1) Heaven

2) Earth

- The land quaked v. 51b

- The rocks split v. 51c

3) Mankind

Mankind:

a. Gentile witness

- The Centurion v. 54a
- Those with him v. 54a
 - The ones guarding Him
(cf. Mt. 27:27-31, 35, 36)
- Witnessed the signs v. 54c
- Testified: “Truly this was the Son of God!”

Mankind:

b. Jewish witness

- Mary Magdalene v. 56a
- Mary the mother of James and Joses v. 56b
- Mother of Zebedee's sons v. 56c

The Pharisaic blessing –

“Blessed are you, O God, for not making me a **Gentile**, a slave, or a **woman**.”

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B. The witness vv. 54-56

➤ The witness put another way:

- 1) Heaven
- 2) Nature
- 3) Resurrected saints
- 4) Gentiles
- 5) Jewish women
- 6) The reader

Application/Summary:

- Jesus died for our sins
- Jesus fulfilled the law
- Matthew provides unimpeachable witness
- What will you do with the truth?



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