

The First Coming of King Jesus Part 2: The Ministry of the King

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Matthew Overview

Matthew 1:22-23, announces "God with us." Those interested in Jesus are divided into 2 Groups: Those that love Christ and those that hate Him.

Matthew organizes the Gospel in a Story and then a Sermon format:

1) **Everyone hears the Call of the King: The Story:**

- Everyone must repent of sin, the King is coming, 3:1-3.
- The baptism will be of the Holy Spirit or of fire and judgement. Jesus is judge; 3:11-12.
- Jesus demonstrated His power over Satan and temptation as the perfect Jew, 4:1-11.
- Jesus called everyone to repentance, it was an open message for all, 4:17.
- Jesus healed all who came to Him, 4:23-25.
- **Now the Sermon:** Jesus taught His disciples, those who were followers, listeners, and learners, Ch. 5-7. Believers were taught: to be light and salt, V13; to pray, 6:9; not to worry, 6:25-34. Warnings were to given: to the lost, 7:13; to the religious, 7:21; to those building on the sand, 24-27. There are two paths in life, one leads to ruin, 7:27.

2) **Faith in the King is Necessary: The Story:**

- Jesus demonstrates His power to those who believe, 8:1-4. A Gentile centurion's servant is healed because of the centurion's faith in Jesus, 8:10.
- The cost of discipleship is trusting Jesus and leaving all else, 8:18-22.
- Faith in Jesus necessary, 8:23-27.
- Unbelief shown in the city that rejected Jesus' teachings, 8:34.
- The paralytic had faith, 9:2. Matthew left all to follow Christ, 9:9-13. The blind men had faith in Christ, 9:27-31.
- The Pharisees believed Jesus cast out demons because He was the ruler of demons, 9:34.
- **Now the Sermon:** Cities would either hear and believe or reject the message, 10:14-15.
- There is a cost to follow Jesus, 10:34-39.

3) **But the Enemies of the King Refuse to Believe: The Story:**

- John the Baptist came neither eating nor drinking, Jesus was a friend of sinners, unbelievers rejected both of them and their message, 11:1-19.
- Jesus calls everyone to come to Him, 11:25-30.
- Jesus heals a withered hand, the Pharisees said Jesus was ruled by the devil, 12:22-30.
 - i. Refusing to believe leads to damnation, 12:31-32.
- The signs Jesus performed weren't enough, the Pharisees wanted another, 12:38-42.
- **Now the Sermon:** He preached openly before, but now in parables, 13:3. The parable of the soils, 13:1-9; the tares, V24-30; mustard seed, V31-32; leaven, V33; the precious value of the kingdom, V44-46; the dragnet and separation of good and bad, V47-52.
 - i. **Why did Jesus speak in parables?** To reveal the kingdom to those who believe and conceal the kingdom from those that don't, 13:34-35.

4) **Now Hearts are Revealed by the King: The Story:**

- His family and people rejected Him at this time because of unbelief, 13:53-58.
- John the Baptist is killed, 14:1-12. The 5,000 are fed V13-21; Jesus walks on the sea, Peter's heart is exposed, 22-33. The leaders reject Jesus' teaching over handwashing, 15:2.
- Evil comes from the heart, V17-20.

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4) The Story continued:

- Jesus shows mercy to a Canaanite woman, who has faith for salvation, 15:21-28;
- Gentiles come to faith as Israel rejects Jesus, V29-39.
- The Pharisees and Sadducees would rather test Jesus than believe, 16:1-4.
- Peter's heart revealed, 16:13-20 & Jesus rebukes Peter, 16:21-23.
- The heart of a believer takes up his cross unto death to follow Jesus, V24-27.
- Suffering follows those who believe in Jesus, 17:1-13.
- **Now the Sermon:** Who is the greatest? The one who comes as a child to God, with nothing to offer, 18:1-5; the one who hates sin, 18:6-9; the one who receives correction with gladness and not hardness, 18:15-20; the heart of the believer forgives, 18: 21-35.

5) Sides are Taken "For" and "Against" the King: The Story: Pharisees twisted the Scriptures for their own sin, 19:3; children were granted salvation by Jesus, V13-15.

- Jesus contrasts the rich young ruler and the disciples leaving all, 19:16-30;
- Jesus contrasts salvation given to whom He wills, 20:1-16;
- Jesus contrasts greatness with those who serve others, 20:20-28;
- Jesus is received as the Christ, 21:1-11; cleanses the temple V12-17; pronounces curses of the Pharisees and Scribes, 23:1-36.
- **Now the Sermon:** Chapter 24-25 is a basis eschatology, the King is coming, sides are forming for and against Jesus.
 - i. **Matt. 25:46:** The evil are sent away into everlasting punishment and the righteous receive eternal life.
- Chapter 26-27, the Jewish leaders murder the King, 53 days after Jesus' death, Peter pronounces that sins are only forgiven through faith in Christ, Acts 2.

Further Discussion and Application

Consider the sermons of Jesus. What portions of Jesus sermons have we overlooked and become dull to? How precious is our salvation? How willing are we to follow Christ? How do we see service to God and His kingdom? Where will we spend our eternity?

Consider those in our lives who teeter on unbelief in the Lord. How do they live their lives? What Scriptures do they twist for their own pleasure? What truth can we present to the one who thinks God rejects them? What truth can we give to the one who seeks for pleasure in this world and not for the things of God?

What do we see in each of the stories that are told to us, demonstrating who Christ is? Why He came? Who He came for? What should be our response as believers to the Gospel message from Matthew?