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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.

I. THE KING HAS COME 1:1 – 13:53

The Preparation of the King 3:1-4:11

(Matthew 3:13-17)

“Introducing the Messiah publicly”

Outline:

1. Pre-requisites before the kingdom:
2. Coming to be baptized vv. 13-15
3. The Messiah identified vv. 16-17

1- Pre-requisites before the kingdom:

- 1) The nation dwelling in the land
- 2) The Messiah incarnated
- 3) The forerunner ministers
- 4) The Messiah identified
- 5) The Messiah ministers
- 6) The Day of the LORD
- 7) The Kingdom

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- Cf. Deuteronomy 30:1-10
- Cf. Ezekiel 37:1-14

1- Pre-requisites before the kingdom:

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➤ Matthew 1:18-25

1- Pre-requisites before the kingdom:

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➤ Matthew 3:1-12

1- Pre-requisites before the kingdom:

4) The Messiah identified

➤ Matthew 3:13-17 (Jn. 1:29-34)

1- Pre-requisites before the kingdom:

5) The Messiah ministers

➤ Matthew 4:12-12:50

1- Pre-requisites before the kingdom:

6) The Day of the LORD

- Ezekiel 39:21-29
- Joel 2:28-29
- “in that day” (cf. Is. 2:10, 20; 3:7; 4:1)
- Isaiah 4:2-6
- Isaiah 5:1-7

1- Pre-requisites before the kingdom:

6) The Day of the LORD

John's three word pictures:

1) Axe and the tree

- Emphasizes the judgment of the day of the LORD

2) Baptism

- Emphasizes the division of the day of the LORD

3) Winnowing

- Emphasizes the purification of the day of the LORD

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Observations:

- Jesus comes to be baptized v. 13
- John protests v. 14
- Jesus responds v. 15
 - “permit it to be so,”
 - “for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.”
- John agrees v. 15b

2- Coming to be baptized vv. 13-15

Summary/Application:

- Jesus needed to be baptized by John to fulfill the forerunner ministry and establish His identification as the Messiah.
- Are there times when we “out-righteous” God?
(cf. Peter in Acts 10)

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Observations:

- Jesus is baptized v. 16a
- The three-fold witness v. 16b
 - 1) “Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him,”
 - Better “him” and referring to John (cf. Jn. 1:29-34)
 - 2) “and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.”
 - 3) “And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’” v. 17

3- The Messiah identified vv. 16-17

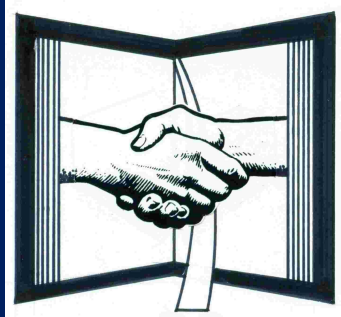
Summary/Application:

- God told John how to identify the Messiah privately
- John baptizing Jesus identified the Messiah publicly
- The Son testified to His Messiahship by being baptized
- The Spirit testified by “alighting” LIKE a dove upon Jesus.
- The Father testified by saying: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

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