

REDISCOVERING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW PART 43: MATTHEW 26:36-75

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MATTHEW CHAPTER 26: 36 - 41

THEN JESUS WENT WITH HIS DISCIPLES TO A PLACE CALLED GETHSEMANE, AND HE SAID TO THEM, "SIT HERE WHILE I GO OVER THERE AND PRAY."

HE TOOK PETER AND THE TWO SONS OF ZEBEDEE ALONG WITH HIM, AND HE BEGAN TO BE SORROWFUL AND TROUBLED. THEN HE SAID TO THEM, "MY SOUL IS OVERWHELMED WITH SORROW TO THE POINT OF DEATH. STAY HERE AND KEEP WATCH WITH ME."

GOING A LITTLE FARTHER, HE FELL WITH HIS FACE TO THE GROUND AND PRAYED, "MY FATHER, IF IT IS POSSIBLE, MAY THIS CUP BE TAKEN FROM ME. YET NOT AS I WILL, BUT AS YOU WILL."

THEN HE RETURNED TO HIS DISCIPLES AND FOUND THEM SLEEPING. "COULD YOU MEN NOT KEEP WATCH WITH ME FOR ONE HOUR?" HE ASKED PETER. "WATCH AND PRAY SO THAT YOU WILL NOT FALL INTO TEMPTATION. THE SPIRIT IS WILLING, BUT THE BODY IS WEAK." HE WENT AWAY A SECOND TIME AND PRAYED, "MY FATHER, IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THIS CUP TO BE TAKEN AWAY UNLESS I DRINK IT, MAY YOUR WILL BE DONE."

WHEN HE CAME BACK, HE AGAIN FOUND THEM SLEEPING, BECAUSE THEIR EYES WERE HEAVY. SO HE LEFT THEM AND WENT AWAY ONCE MORE AND PRAYED THE THIRD TIME, SAYING THE SAME THING.

THEN HE RETURNED TO THE DISCIPLES AND SAID TO THEM, "ARE YOU STILL SLEEPING AND RESTING? LOOK, THE HOUR IS NEAR, AND THE SON OF MAN IS BETRAYED INTO THE HANDS OF SINNERS. RISE, LET US GO! HERE COMES MY BETRAYER!"

MATTHEW CHAPTER 26: 47 - 54

WHILE HE WAS STILL SPEAKING, JUDAS, ONE OF THE TWELVE, ARRIVED. WITH HIM WAS A LARGE CROWD ARMED WITH SWORDS AND CLUBS, SENT FROM THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE ELDERS OF THE PEOPLE. NOW THE BETRAYER HAD ARRANGED A SIGNAL WITH THEM: "THE ONE I KISS IS THE MAN; ARREST HIM."

> GOING AT ONCE TO JESUS, JUDAS SAID, "GREETINGS, RABBI!" AND KISSED HIM. JESUS REPLIED, "FRIEND, DO WHAT YOU CAME FOR."

THEN THE MEN STEPPED FORWARD, SEIZED JESUS AND ARRESTED HIM. WITH THAT, ONE OF JESUS' COMPANIONS REACHED FOR HIS SWORD, DREW IT OUT AND STRUCK THE SERVANT OF THE HIGH PRIEST, CUTTING OFF HIS EAR.

"PUT YOUR SWORD BACK IN ITS PLACE," JESUS SAID TO HIM, "FOR ALL WHO DRAW THE SWORD WILL DIE BY THE SWORD. DO YOU THINK I CANNOT CALL ON MY FATHER, AND HE WILL AT ONCE PUT AT MY DISPOSAL MORE THAN TWELVE LEGIONS OF ANGELS? BUT HOW THEN WOULD THE SCRIPTURES BE FULFILLED THAT SAY IT MUST HAPPEN IN THIS WAY?" AT THAT TIME JESUS SAID TO THE CROWD, "AM I LEADING A REBELLION, THAT YOU HAVE COME OUT WITH SWORDS AND CLUBS TO CAPTURE ME? EVERY DAY I SAT IN THE TEMPLE COURTS TEACHING, AND YOU DID NOT ARREST ME. BUT THIS HAS ALL TAKEN PLACE THAT THE WRITINGS OF THE PROPHETS MIGHT BE FULFILLED."

THEN ALL THE DISCIPLES DESERTED HIM AND FLED.

THOSE WHO HAD ARRESTED JESUS TOOK HIM TO CAIAPHAS, THE HIGH PRIEST, WHERE THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW AND THE ELDERS HAD ASSEMBLED. BUT PETER FOLLOWED HIM AT A DISTANCE, RIGHT UP TO THE COURTYARD OF THE HIGH PRIEST. HE ENTERED AND SAT DOWN WITH THE GUARDS TO SEE THE OUTCOME.

THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE WHOLE SANHEDRIN WERE LOOKING FOR FALSE EVIDENCE AGAINST JESUS SO THAT THEY COULD PUT HIM TO DEATH. BUT THEY DID NOT FIND ANY, THOUGH MANY FALSE WITNESSES CAME FORWARD.

FINALLY TWO CAME FORWARD AND DECLARED, "THIS FELLOW SAID, 'I AM ABLE TO DESTROY THE TEMPLE OF GOD AND REBUILD IT IN THREE DAYS.' "

THEN THE HIGH PRIEST STOOD UP AND SAID TO JESUS, "ARE YOU NOT GOING TO ANSWER? WHAT IS THIS TESTIMONY THAT THESE MEN ARE BRINGING AGAINST YOU?" BUT JESUS REMAINED SILENT.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 26: 63B - 67

THE HIGH PRIEST SAID TO HIM, "I CHARGE YOU UNDER OATH BY THE LIVING GOD: TELL US IF YOU ARE THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD."

"YES, IT IS AS YOU SAY," JESUS REPLIED. "BUT I SAY TO ALL OF YOU: IN THE FUTURE YOU WILL SEE THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE MIGHTY ONE AND COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN."

THEN THE HIGH PRIEST TORE HIS CLOTHES AND SAID, "HE HAS SPOKEN BLASPHEMY! WHY DO WE NEED ANY MORE WITNESSES? LOOK, NOW YOU HAVE HEARD THE BLASPHEMY. WHAT DO YOU THINK?"

"HE IS WORTHY OF DEATH," THEY ANSWERED.

THEN THEY SPIT IN HIS FACE AND STRUCK HIM WITH THEIR FISTS. OTHERS SLAPPED HIM AND SAID, "PROPHESY TO US, CHRIST. WHO HIT YOU?" OT BACKGROUND OF JESUS' SON OF MAN STATEMENT

"IN MY VISION AT NIGHT I LOOKED, AND THERE BEFORE ME WAS ONE LIKE A SON OF MAN, COMING WITH THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN."

DANIEL 7:13

"THE LORD SAYS TO MY LORD: 'SIT AT MY RIGHT UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET'"

PSALM 110:1

ISAIAH'S SERVANT SONG BACKGROUND

"HE WILL NOT CRY OR LIFT UP HIS VOICE, OR MAKE IT HEARD IN THE STREET" ISAIAH 42:2

"I DID NOT HIDE MY FACE FROM INSULT AND SPITTING" ISAIAH 50:6C

"THE LORD GOD HAS OPENED MY EAR, AND I WAS NOT REBELLIOUS, I DID NOT TURN BACKWARD" ISAIAH 50:5

> "HE WAS OPPRESSED, AND HE WAS AFFLICTED, YET HE DID NOT OPEN HIS MOUTH" ISAIAH 53:7A, 7D

"YET IT WAS THE WILL OF THE LORD TO CRUSH HIM WITH PAIN. WHEN YOU MAKE HIS LIFE AN OFFERING FOR SIN, HE SHALL SEE HIS OFFSPRING, AND SHALL PROLONG HIS DAY; THROUGH HIM THE WILL OF THE LORD WILL PROSPER. ISAIAH 53:10 Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said. But he denied it before them all. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said.

THEN HE WENT OUT TO THE GATEWAY, WHERE ANOTHER GIRL SAW HIM AND SAID TO THE PEOPLE THERE, "THIS FELLOW WAS WITH JESUS OF NAZARETH." HE DENIED IT AGAIN, WITH AN OATH: "I DON'T KNOW THE MAN!"

AFTER A LITTLE WHILE, THOSE STANDING THERE WENT UP TO PETER AND SAID, "SURELY YOU ARE ONE OF THEM, FOR YOUR ACCENT GIVES YOU AWAY."

> THEN HE BEGAN TO CALL DOWN CURSES ON HIMSELF AND HE SWORE TO THEM, "I DON'T KNOW THE MAN!"

IMMEDIATELY A ROOSTER CROWED. THEN PETER REMEMBERED THE WORD JESUS HAD SPOKEN: "BEFORE THE ROOSTER CROWS, YOU WILL DISOWN ME THREE TIMES." AND HE WENT OUTSIDE AND WEPT BITTERLY.

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