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MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

The Unforgivable Sin

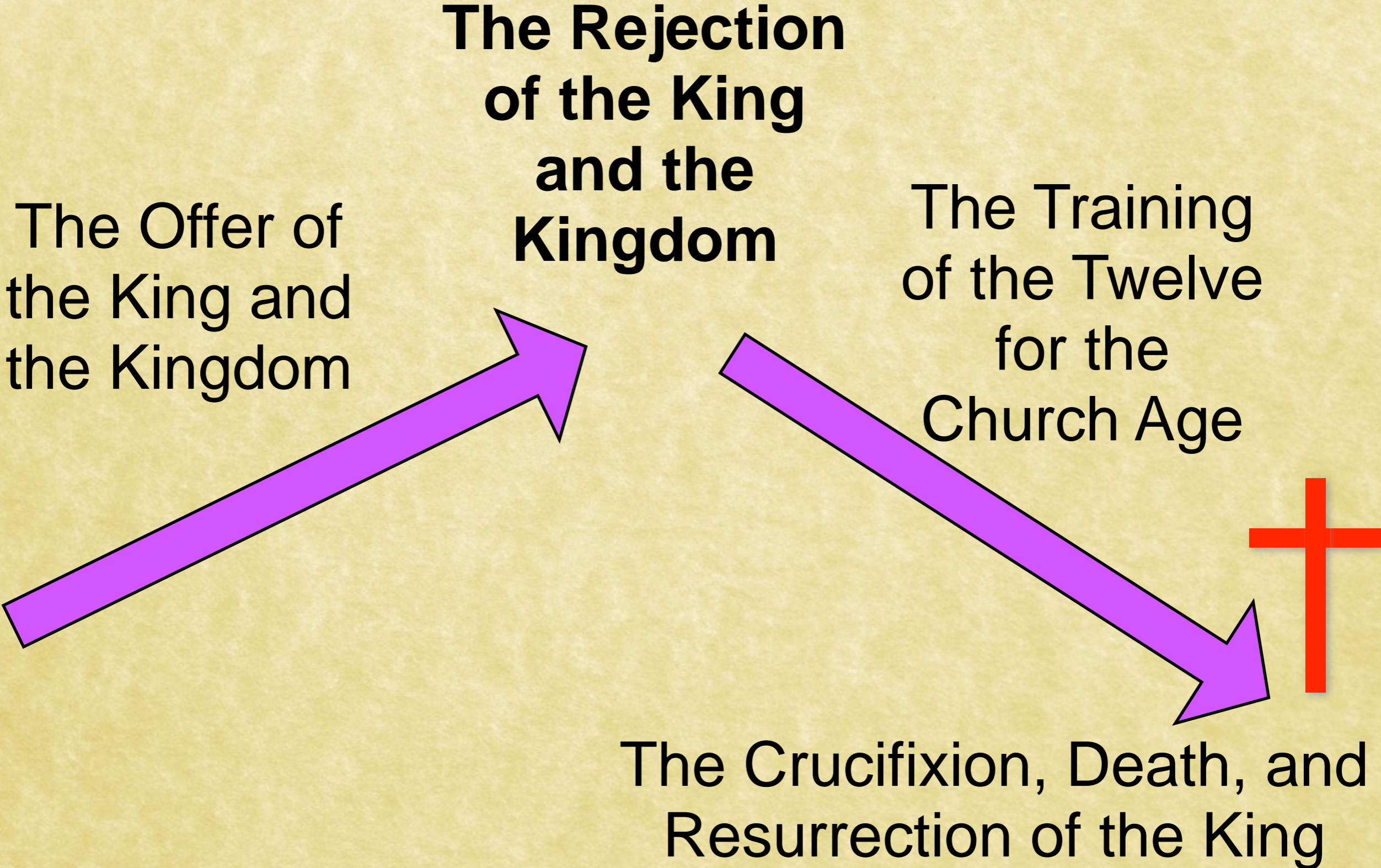
Matthew 12:15–32

What is the “unforgivable sin?”

Have I committed it?

Can this be committed today?

Pivot in the Life of Christ



Ezek. 34:9, “therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of the LORD!

**Ezek. 34:10, “Thus says the Lord GOD:
‘Behold, I am against the [false] shepherds,
and I will require My flock at their hand; I will
cause them to cease feeding the sheep, and
the shepherds shall feed themselves no
more; for I will deliver My flock from their
mouths, that they may no longer be food for
them.’ ”**

**Ezek. 34:11, “For thus says the Lord GOD:
‘Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and
seek them out.’**

**Ezek. 34:16, “ ‘I will seek what was lost and
bring back what was driven away, bind up
the broken and strengthen what was sick;
but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and
feed them in judgment.’ ”**

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ἀπόλλυμι *apollumi*

aor act subj 3 plur

“to destroy, to ruin, often to kill” (Matt. 2:13; 27:20, Mk. 3:6; 9:22; 11:18; Luke 6:9)

Matt. 12:15, “But when Jesus knew it, He withdrew from there. And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all.”

Matt. 12:18, “Behold! My Servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom My soul is well pleased! I will put My Spirit upon Him, and He will declare justice to the Gentiles.

Matt. 12:19, “He will not quarrel nor cry out, nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets.

Matt. 12:20, “A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He will not quench, till He sends forth justice to victory;

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Deut. 32:21, “They have provoked Me to jealousy by what is not God; They have moved Me to anger by their foolish idols. But I will provoke them to jealousy by those who are not a nation; I will move them to anger by a foolish nation.”

Isa. 5:24, “Therefore, as the fire devours the stubble, and the flame consumes the chaff, so their root will be as rottenness, and their blossom will ascend like dust; Because they have rejected the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised [נאץ *na’atz* blasphemed, reviled] the word of the Holy One of Israel.”

Isa. 52:5, “ ‘Now therefore, what have I here,’ says the LORD, ‘That My people are taken away for nothing? Those who rule over them make them wail,’ says the LORD, ‘And My name is blasphemed continually every day.’ ”

“Blasphemy” Terms in the Old Testament

נָקַב *naqav* “to blaspheme, curse” (Job 3:8; Prov. 11:26; Lev. 24:11, 16)

קָלַל *qalal* “to curse, to treat or esteem lightly, make contemptible, belittle, deprive someone of their stature and importance” (1 Sam. 3:13) (TDOT)

גָּדַף *gadaf* “to blaspheme, revile, insult” (2 Kings 19:6, 22; Isa. 37:6, 23)

נָאַץ *na'atz* “to despise, to treat disrespectfully, blaspheme, provoke, reject, revile, spurn” (Num. 14:11; 14:23; 16:30; Deut. 31:20; 1 Sam. 2:17; Isa. 1:4; Jer. 23:17; Psa. 74:10; 107:11)

חָלַל *chālal* II, “profane, defile, pollute, desecrate” (Lev. 18:21; 20:3)

Num. 14:11, “The LORD said to Moses, ‘How long will this people spurn (*na’atz* revile, reject [NKJV]) Me? And how long will they not believe in Me, despite all the signs which I have performed in their midst?’ ”

Num. 14:12, “ ‘I will smite them with pestilence and dispossess them, and I will make you into a nation greater and mightier than they.’ ”

Num. 14:23, “they certainly shall not see the land of which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who rejected (*na’atz* – revile, reject [NKJV]) Me see it.”

Matt. 12:22, “Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw.”

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**ἐξίστημι *existēmi* imperf mid indic 3 plur
“to amaze, confuse”**

**λέγω *legō* imperf act indic 3 plur “to say,
speak, tell”**

Matt. 12:24, “Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, ‘This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons.’ ”

Matt. 12:25, “But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: ‘Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.

Matt. 12:26, “ ‘If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?

Matt. 12:27, “ ‘And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges.’ ”

Matt. 12:28, “But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.”

Matt. 12:29, “Or how can one enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.

Matt. 12:30, “He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.”

Matt. 12:31, “Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men.

Matt. 12:32, “Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.”

Forgiveness

- 1. Eternal forgiveness, which has eternal life in view.**

OR

- 2. Temporal forgiveness, which has divine judgment in history in view.**

Col. 2:13, “And you, [when you were] dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, [because He has] forgiven you all trespasses,

Col. 2:14, “[when He] wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, [when He] nailed it to the cross.”

Jesus is announcing to Israel the final straw related to their rejection of Him as Messiah.

This blasphemy is related specifically to a historical event and is unique to the life of Jesus.

This judgment is a national judgment, not a personal judgment, and was fulfilled in AD 70.