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MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

Submission to Unjust Authority
Matthew 26:47–56; Mark 14:43–52;
Luke 22:47–53; John 18:2–11

Phil. 2:6, “who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped,

Phil. 2:7, “but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.

Phil. 2:8, “Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

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1. The Arrival of the Crowd, Matt. 26:45–47

Matt. 26:47, “And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people.”

John 18:3, “Then Judas, having received a detachment of troops, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.”

**σπεῖρα *speira* acc
fem sing military
unit; cohort**

“Although there are instances of Greek *speira* rendering Latin *manipulus* (two hundred troops), it is the normal word for the Roman cohort (one-tenth of a legion, six hundred troops). That John means the latter is suggested by the title *chiliarchos* given to the commander in 18:12, the normal Greek rendering of the *tribunus militum* who was over a cohort. (Those who reduce the cohort to a *manipulus* have to reduce him to a *decurio*, a type of corporal.)”

~Brown, *The Death of the Messiah*, 1:248

2. The Backdrop, the Conspiracy of the Sanhedrin, Matt. 26:3–5

Matt. 26:3, “Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas,

Matt. 26:4, “and plotted to take Jesus by trickery and kill Him.

Matt. 26:5, “But they said, ‘Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.’ ”

Judas

Matt. 26:14, “Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests

Matt. 26:15, “and said, ‘What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?’ And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver.

Matt. 26:16, “So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.”

Judas

Luke 22:3, “Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve.”

εἰσέρχομαι *eiserchomai*

aor act indic 3 sing to enter;

used to describe demon

possession; Matt. 12:45;

Mark 5:12–13; 9:25;

Luke 8:30, 32, 33; 11:26

3. The Kiss of Betrayal, Matt. 26:48–49; Mark 14:44

Matt. 26:48, “Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, ‘Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him.’

Matt. 26:49, “Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, ‘Greetings, Rabbi!’ and kissed Him.”

Luke 22:48, “But Jesus said to him, ‘Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?’ ”

Judas

Matt. 26:50, “But Jesus said to him, ‘Friend, why have you come?’ Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him.”

ἑταῖρος *hetairos*, comrade, companion, an associate, but an inferior, like an employee or pupil; does not imply friendship, except maybe in the distant sort of Facebook sense, when no intimate friendliness is involved.

John 15:15, “No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends [philos], for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.”

4. The Authority of the Son of God, John 18:4–7

John 18:4, “Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, ‘Whom are you seeking?’

John 18:5, “They answered Him, ‘Jesus of Nazareth.’ Jesus said to them, ‘I AM [*ego eimi* = *YHWH*] *He.*’ And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them.”

John 18:6, “Now when He said to them, ‘I AM,’ they drew back and fell to the ground.

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John 18:8, “Jesus answered, ‘I have told you that I am He. Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way,’ ”

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**5. Peter's Emotional Reaction,
Matt. 26:51–54; Mark 14:47;
Luke 22:49–51; John 18:10–11**

Matt. 26:51, “And suddenly, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

Matt. 26:52, “But Jesus said to him, ‘Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.’ ”

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**μάχαιρα *machaira* acc
fem sing dagger;
short-sword**

Luke 22:36, “Then He said to them, ‘But now, he who has a money bag, let him take it, and likewise a knapsack; and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one.’ ”

Luke 22:38, “So they said, ‘Lord, look, here are two swords.’ And He said to them, ‘It is enough.’ ”

Luke 22:49, “When those around Him saw what was going to happen, they said to Him, ‘Lord, shall we strike with the sword?’ ”

Rom. 13:4, “For he is God’s minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God’s minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.”

Matt. 26:52, “But Jesus said to him, ‘Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.’ ”

Matt. 26:53, “Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?”

**6. Prophecy Fulfilled, Matt. 26:54,
John 18:9 (with John 17:12)**

Matt. 26:54, “ ‘How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?’

Matt. 26:55, “In that hour Jesus said to the multitudes, ‘Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? I sat daily with you, teaching in the temple, and you did not seize Me.

Matt. 26:56, “ ‘But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.’ Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.”

John 18:9, “that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, ‘Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none.’ ”

John 17:12, “ ‘While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.’ ”

**1. Betrayal for thirty pieces of silver:
Zechariah 11:12.**

Zech. 11:12, “Then I said to them, ‘If it is agreeable to you, give me my wages; and if not, refrain.’ So they weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver.”

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Matt. 26:15, “and said, ‘What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?’ And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver.”

2. Money thrown into God's House

Zech. 11:13, “And the LORD said to me, ‘Throw it to the potter’—that princely price they set on me. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD for the potter.”

Matt. 27:5, “Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself.”

3. Price given for a Potter's field

Zech. 11:13, “And the LORD said to me, ‘Throw it to the potter’—that princely price they set on me. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD for the potter.”

Matt. 27:7, “And they consulted together and bought with them the potter’s field, to bury strangers in.”



Acts 1:18, “(Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out.

Acts 1:19, “And it became known to all those dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is called in their own language, Akel Dama, that is, Field of Blood.)”

Painting from the Monastery of Onesiphorus, depicting the hanging of Judas.



4. Betrayal by own friend

Psa. 41:9, “Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.”

John 13:18, “I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, ‘*He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me.*’ ”

Acts 1:16, “Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus;”

5. Deserted by His disciples

Zech. 13:7, “ ‘Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, against the Man who is My Companion,’ says the LORD of hosts. ‘Strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered; Then I will turn My hand against the little ones.’ ”

Matt. 26:31, “Then Jesus said to them, ‘All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: “*I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.*” ’ ”

Mark 14:50, “Then they all forsook Him and fled.

Mark 14:51, “Now a certain young man followed Him, having a linen cloth thrown around his naked body. And the young men laid hold of him,

Mark 14:52, “and he left the linen cloth and fled from them naked.”

Matt. 26:57, “And those who had laid hold of Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.”

John 18:12, “Then the detachment of troops and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him.”

Phil. 2:8, “Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”