



# MATTHEW

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*The Prophecy Fulfilled*

# Prayer Garden



- The Son of Man is betrayed...
  - Gethsemane has been a place of preparation
  - Strength for Jesus; sleep for apostles
  - Judas has come to “finger Him” with a kiss
  - “get to it!”
  - And the Apostles try to respond....

# Jesus arrested



- One with a sword ~ (Jn 18:10) hidden prior to this
  - Goes for a head, gets an ear (Lk 22:51)
  - Live and die by the sword... violence is repaid with more!
- Jesus begins to preach!
  - I could appeal to my Father ~ 12 legions!
  - One for each apostle? "more than"
  - Scripture needed to be fulfilled! (2x)

# Swords and clubs?



- Jesus had spoken in the open, in public
  - He was neither a thief nor a robber...
  - They came hunting for Him!
  - There was no legal warrant for His arrest, no crime...
  - The temptation for justice... He had come for this!
  - 56 ~ the prophets must be fulfilled
  - Apostles flee ~ disillusioned and rebuked...

# 1<sup>st</sup> religious “trial”



- Caiaphas, scribes and elder = Sanhedrin
  - This is an illegal meeting, with only some in attendance
  - Peter follows, but stays hidden (58)
  - Seeking false testimony... not a truth issue! (59)
  - See John 11:47-52 – all prophesied! “for the nation”
  - They could not get two liars to agree!
  - Temple blasphemy (John 2:18-22)

# High Priest accuser



- He should have been the one bringing forgiveness!
  - No answer is given... hoping for evidence
  - I adjure you, by YOU????
  - The Christ, the Son of God... you said it!
- Jesus gives 2 promises: Son of Man
  - Right Hand of Power
  - Coming again

# Guilty!



- Tore his robes? Sign of outrage, grief (2Ki 19:1)
  - He has blasphemed!
  - No need for witnesses, no need for proof...
  - No further questions, no further understanding...
  - “deserving of death”
- First physical beating – illegal and forbidden
  - Spitting – Isa 50:6; 52:14; Micah 5:1
  - Struck uncounted times... “who hit you?” mocking

# A page turns...



- Peter in the courtyard...
  - As Jesus is being rejected by priests...
  - “certain” servant girl – “you too were with Jesus..”
  - I don’t know what you are talking about...
  - Another (allos) \*said – “this man was with Jesus”
  - oath, “I do not know the man”
  - Your talk gives you away! Curse and swearing! Jn 18:26



# Jesus?



- What failed in Peter?
  - He had been with Jesus, trained, listened, miracles...
  - Seen more than most, “you are the Christ!”
- As the crowd grew, Peter lost his way...
  - Cursing and swearing... the more we deny...
  - A rooster crows, Jesus looks.... Lk 22:61 ...
  - He wept bitterly (*klaio*, weep , wail)



