25 chapters Jesus Presented by Matt. Son of Abraham, King on David's Throne CROWDS Growing in SIZE and CONVICTION as DRAMA Unfolds

Jesus UTTERLY Unique – MIRACLES, MESSAGE, MERCY – None like Him Died 2000 yrs ago Still Most IMPRESSIVE & CAPTIVATING Person in World Every Major Religion: Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam – PLACE for Jesus

Relationship with God Open to Roman Soldiers, Lepers, Blind, Women & Children, Pharisees, Criminals, Gentiles > All kinds of UNDESERVING People!

Emphasis on UNDESERVING – God is HOLY – None of US or THEM Are!

How can SIN be ATONED & REMOVED and SINNERS be SAVED

Final Chapters of Matthew Jesus will ANSWER Question

He comes to Jerusalem with Express Intention of Suffering Death There

AS Jesus to Jerusalem for Final Time, Leaders Plotting Arrest & Execution He means NOTHING to Them – Faster he is Dead and GONE the BETTER...

# 1. Nothing

### a. Intrudes on our Position

v. 3 Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas

Leading Figure in Plot to Arrest & Kill Jesus was Caiaphas, the High Priest Appointed High Priest by Valerius Gratus, Pilate's predecessor, in A.D. 18 Son-in-law of Annas, the Hereditary High Priest > Deposed by Romans Caiaphas survived until A.D. 36 > Shrewed Enough to Serve for 18 years

Next 30 yrs - 37 B.C. and A.D. 67 – Rome Appointed & Deposed 28 H.P's! Caiaphas > a shrewd politician who wanted to hang on to power at all costs!

They do all their deeds to be seen by others...."Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! ... You serpents, you brood of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell?

Matthew 23.5,29,33

7 X's Matt 23 Jesus pronounced WOE on these TOP Leaders of Gov't & God How DARE this UPSTART NOBODY from Hicktown Galilee SHAME Them!

Jewish Leaders afraid Miracles of Nazarene would Endanger their Privileges! What should they do? Shrewd old Caiaphas had the Answer...

"You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish"

John 11.49–50

Self-Serving Policy Concern Only for Jews > Cared NOTHING for their KING DANGER when Your POSITION becomes MORE Important than GOD

HK Conf Workshop > Ex-Pats Serving the Lord in the Marketplace

Successful Businessman > BOY Wonder in Corp > West Coast Exec @ age 27

LA Corp offices > Adultery, Homosexuality, one man Dying of AIDS

Strict Company Policy > NEVER Talk about Religion!!

Committed Christian – PROMOTED for Virtues – NEVER Spoke of GOD

Team Came to him for HELP – How can I Really Help & NOT Mention God?

Carefully but CLEARLY Shared with People about Jesus at Right Moments

HIV Man became Friend, Often Prayed Together, Shared Gospel at FUNERAL

There is no such thing as a 'secret discipleship' either the discipleship will end the secrecy or the secrecy will end the discipleship.

Millions here going to have to Decide to FOLLOW Communism or CHRIST?

### b. Interferes with our Plans

vs. 4,5 the chief priests and the elders... plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people."

Their "SECRET"/Stealth PLANS Mainly to ADVANCE THEIR POSITION
To Make GOOD with ROME and GROW their RESOURCES

"Everyone in Israel was thinking about the Feast...Everyone was going to Jerusalem, or had those near and dear to them there, or at least watched the festive processions to the Metropolis of Judaism...National and religious feelings were alike stirred in what reached back to the first, and point forward to the final Deliverance."

Alfred Edersheim

RIOTS > Frequent & Violent – Sometimes 100's were TRAMPLED in City

Population of Jerusalem GREW by 4 or 5 times During Feast of PASSOVER

Romans had City on LOCK DOWN to Prevent any UPHEAVAL

Chief Priests / Jewish Guard > Assisted Romans to KEEP ORDER in their City

Religious Leaders been Trying for Months to TRAP and KILL this Nazarene Worked hard to TRICK Him into MIS-SPEAKING, Uttering BLASPHEMY All the ROPE they have Thrown Him has ONLY TIED Themselves Up "I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a

people producing its fruits"...When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

Matthew 21.43-46

Hungry Dogs eagerly Opened their Mouths to Devour Christ

Jesus prophesied his Death in 2 days > Enemies Plotting Delay of 9 days

Wanted to Arrange their CRIME on their Own TIME TABLE

God is the Sovereign of TIME and CIRCUMSTANCES

Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand.

Proverbs 19.21

Sovereign Lord accomplishes what RULERS do NOT Want
JEWS Not want Death of Nazarene to Disturb Day of National Honor & Pride
ROMANS Not want to EXECUTE Popular Leader who had Strong Following
DISCIPLES who LEFT Everything do Not Want to Lose their HOPE for Future

Plan to Arrest Jesus Secretly, God Planned for Me to Preach their Plots Here Don't want Millions of Excitable People in Jerusalem to PROTECT Him Today Millions of Excitable People around Globe Now PROCLAIM Him

c. Interrupts our Profits OPPONENTS Found ALLY in His INNER CIRCLE
v. 14 one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests
JUDAS Crossed Over to the DARK SIDE > DISAPPOINTED with Jesus
vs. 8,9 "Why this waste? For this could have been sold for a large sum
vs. 15-16 "What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?" And they paid

Judas BEEN with Jesus Long Time > Seen MIRACLES and MERCY of JESUS Judas SEEN Jesus TRIUMPH Over DEMONS, DISEASES, and even DEATH Judas HEARD WISDOM of Jesus CONFOUND CLEVEREST Challenge

SO CLOSE to Jesus – Front Row Seat to His GLORY – So FAR AWAY!

him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he sought an opportunity to

betray him.

Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it.

John 12.4-6

Jesus was not kind of Messiah Judas Expected and Wanted > So KILL Him
No Earthly Kingdom, No Earthly Throne, No Earthly Honors – Hopeless Cause
Bitter Judas realized he WASTED 3 Irreplaceable years of his Youth

Judas THOUGHT he was WISE BUSINESSMAN > Make Money off Messiah
Unknowingly Fulfills PROPHECY of ZECHARIAH > 30 Pieces of Silver
Bad EXCHANGE – About 1 Day to ENJOY Money / ETERNITY to REGRET
30 Pieces of Silver – What Law of God commanded for LIFE of a SLAVE
Jesus our SLAVE on Cross / Judas Forever ENSLAVED in ETERNAL HELL

More than JUST BAD BUSINESS Decision > Spiritual Warfare Highest Levels

Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them.

Luke 22.3,4

Jesus called Judas "the one doomed to destruction" John 17.12

Word DESTRUCTION or PERDITION lit means WASTE = Son of WASTE

What Jesus RECEIVED from MARY as WORSHIP > Judas called Waste

Judas becomes so ADDICTED to STEALING allows Devil to STEAL his Soul
Luke says that Satan entered Judas > Willing becomes his SLAVE
Man who was ONCE Temple of Holy Spirit becomes PRISON for DEMONS

Jesus says of him, "Woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born"

Matthew 26.24

For OTHERS Jesus is Worth.... 2. Everything

# a. Sent by the Father

Jesus NOTHING to MUCH of the WORLD > God's BEST Gift to this WORLD

from the Holy Spirit...a son...Jesus...he will save his people from their sins Matthew 1.20,21 "Immanuel" (which means, God with us)

Matthew 1.23

"a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel" Matthew 2.6

Jesus: "All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him" Matthew 11.27

# b. Scripture is Finished v. 1 When Jesus had finished all these sayings, Not Only did Jesus FINISH this Sermon – He said ALL He wanted to SAY MISSION was ACCOMPLISHED / MESSAGE was DELIVERED

Jesus Sermons in Matthew	Sermon Theme	Ending Verse of the Sermon
5.1 – 7.29	Kingdom	7.28 And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were
	has Come	astonished at his teaching
10.1 – 42	Kingdom	11:1 When Jesus had finished instructing his 12 disciples, he went
	Mission	on from there to teach & preach in their cities.
13.1 – 52	Kingdom	13.53 And when Jesus had finished these parables, he went away
	Parables	from there
18.1 – 35	Kingdom	19.1 Now when Jesus had finished these sayings, he went away
	& Church	from Galilee and entered the region of Judea
24.3 – 25.46	Kingdom	26.1 When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said Passover
	Judgment	is comingSon of Man will be crucified"

# END of FINAL Book in NT > Providential Arrangement FINAL Book of Bible

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

Revelation 22.18,19

MESSAGE of God COMPLETE – No Need for Another Prophet or Apostle NO Place for KORAN or Book of MORMON, Any Claiming Divine Authority HIGHEST Authority in CHURCH of Jesus NOT SERVANTS but Scripture!

<sup>&</sup>quot;This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3.17

Those Days another Person preparing for Jesus death in Very Different way...

Mary of Bethany, though Matthew does not name her in his account

Matthew WEAVES Together Several Stories to Make his Point

From the FOOLISH Plans of Religious Leaders he gives a FLASHBACK

v. 6 AT BETHANY – Destination not PREVIOUSLY Described by Matthew

Each GOSPEL Tells story of Jesus with Slightly Diff Arrangement / Emphasis

Different Scholars suggest More Than 1 Anointing – Head, Feet, Other Locations
Final Months of Jesus were NOT Like Kobe's FINAL Tour in the NBA
Great Planning – Kobe, Black Mamba every NBA City in USA Final GAME
All those People who Shouted "Hate LA" made NICE SPEECHES
Took Pictures – SOLD T-Shirts – PRAISED Kobe and Beat his LOUSY Lakers

Even tho Jesus has SPOKEN Clearly of Soon-Coming Death – Few Understood PARTY-Crashing, Flash-Mob ANOINTING Not APPRECIATED or Welcome v. 8 when the disciples saw it, they were indignant They were NOT Even the HOSTS of the Party > My Guess is ONE-OFF Event

- c. Salvation is Fulfilled MORE than just RANDOM COINCIDENCE
- v. 2 "Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified."

God Determined his Son be Sacrificed Long Before the FIRST Passover 1<sup>st</sup> Passover in EGYPT Centuries before DRESS REHEARSAL

BLOOD of Bulls and Goats can NEVER TAKE AWAY Sin
BLOOD of Christ must be SPREAD on CROSS-BEAMS of CALVARY
DEATH will only be FOREVER DEFEATED when the SON OF MAN DIES
Jesus provides EXODUS from SIN for Whole WORLD by CROSS

For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

1 Corinthians 5.7

God's will Jesus slain when Passover lambs were being slain, He is...

"the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" John 1.29

Preparing Disciples for his Death w/ Increasing Details Months in Advance...

"From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life."

Matthew 16.21

"When they came together in Galilee, he said to them, 'The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life.' "

Matthew 17.22

"We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!"

Matthew 20.18

v. 2 "You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified."

All Human History > No Event been of Greater Significance

No Events been so Specifically Prophesied

Drama is the Turning Point of History > Very Center of Christianity

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God

1 Peter 3.18

v. 13 Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world Awful Death He is about to Die is Not the End of the Story

DARKEST Chapters in History of Jesus – BETRAYAL, DENIAL, MURDER History WRITTEN by the Winners! > Not Reading Gospel of Caiaphas or Judas

### Reason we DO NOT Need Any More SCRIPTURE is that we are SAVED Fully

Revelation - God Speaks	Redemption - God Saves
Old Testament - Promise – "I will save!"	New Testament - Fulfillment – "He did save!"
"our common salvation the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints" Jude 3	"It is finished" John 19.30
Scripture is Closed	Salvation is Complete

Scripture Explains Salvation > BOTH Full and Complete in Christ

# d. Sacrifice given Freely and Fully

vs. 7,9 a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head... this could have been sold for a large sum

Mary did not Act Impulsively on Mere Whim

Act of Extravagant LOVE > Perfume worth a Year's Wages for Working Man

Perfume, was Most Precious Possession she Had > Gave ALL of her BEST

She Gave It > And Jesus Understood at Once > As He Always Does

v. 12 In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial.

Not Random Act of Kindness > Amazingly Perceptive Woman

She Alone of all Followers Understood He was Going to Cross for Her!

She ANOINTED Jesus Body for BURIAL Before His Death

Jesus tried to Explain his Death > but Disciples did Not Understand
They too Busy Fighting over Who among Them Should be Greatest
Mary knew Jesus was GREAT Enough to POUR Out the Most Costly Sacrifice

How did Mary come to Understand? > Spent MOST Time at His Feet, Listening Mary "sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said" Luke 10.39

When Mary came to Jesus "she fell at his feet" John 11.32

Are you thinking that you cannot literally sit at Jesus' feet today? That is true...The way we sit at Jesus' feet today is by studying the Bible, for it is there that he speaks to us and instructs us.

Warren Wiersbe

BIBLE Books – Phones – Computers – Gadgets > In our Hands, Heads, Hearts?

Mary Gave it All! Not Merely dip Little Bit and Carefully Drop Small Amount Sitting at Jesus Feet Mary learned Heart of Jesus to Pour OUT His Life for Her Mary's Heart was to POUR Out her BEST to Demonstrate Her LOVE for Him

Many people give themselves to Jesus by offering him little bits of time here, little bits of money there that is because they have never looked deep into Jesus' eyes and grown to know him, as Mary had

James Boice

You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29.13

# 3. I'm Still Thinking about It!?

If you're like MOST PEOPLE or Even 11 Disciples – Somewhere in Middle Could NOT Really Say that Jesus is Everything – Of Course He's Not Nothing Gospels Reveal how Jesus Patiently Taught those who Dared to FOLLOW

# a. See with your Ears: Patience of God Extended

If you want to UNDERSTAND Jesus, you Must LISTEN to Him like Mary Matthew recalled and Structured 5 Sermons from Many Great Ones he Heard Crowds loved the MIRACLES but Real Understanding came from MESSAGE

When GLORY of Jesus was REVEALED – Disciples told to LISTEN, Not See! ...a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Matthew 17.5

Call to FOLLOW is to Walk by FAITH, NOT by SIGHT Not led by FEELINGS but by FACTS of GOD'S WORD Disciples – Like all Jews – Caught up HOLIDAY Enthusiasm of PASSOVER Jesus wants them to SEE with their EARS > Fulfillment of SCRIPTURE...

vs. 1,2 he said to his disciples, "You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified."

INDIGNANT Disciples saw DOLLAR SIGNS > Jesus saw Sincere DEVOTION Judas condemned Expense as Superfluous > All of them joined Evil Chorus

PATIENCE of Jesus for DISCIPLES Evident thru ALL 4 GOSPELS Even after 3 years of INTIMATE COMPANIONSHIP – They all RUN AWAY

Peter COMMENDED for his RIGHT ANSWER – Impt Question: Who is Jesus?

Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 16.16,17

So Peter PASSED Jesus POP QUIZ on CHRISTOLOGY
Then Jesus tries a QUESTION on SOTERIOLOGY --- and Peter Messed Up...!

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." Matthew 16.21-23

Mary with PROFOUD Understanding of the CROSS gets REBUKED by Peter! v. 10 But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me.

Do Not Think if You Give Something Precious to Jesus He will Never NOTICE When Others Criticize you for Your Devotion to Him don't Think He'll Not See When you are FALSELY Attacked Do Not Think Jesus won't DEFEND You!

"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven" Matthew 5.11,12

v. 11 For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me.

Diff between Ordinary Service of Believers, and Extraordinary Gift of Mary Ascended Lord calls us to work NOW for Justice, Reconciliation, JUBILEE Anoint the Lord NOW > Sacrifice for Needy, esp the Household of FAITH

It is only through his sufferings, death, and resurrection that the poor have any hope. It is only through his sufferings, death, and resurrection that good deeds for the poor have any significance. Without him, no one and no thing have any eternal, spiritual worth.

Miriam Fisher, ZGC Study Notes

How Many Great Deeds of Many Great Kings, Generals, Tycoons Forgotten!! Do you want to be remembered? Then do as Mary did.
Build the Lives of Other People > Share yourself and your Possessions

We Honor the Gospel > Giving OUR All to Him who gave HIS All for Us Mary SEES and ACTS by Faith that Jesus will RISE and REIGN over World STINGY Disciples Attacked her Generosity, Savior calls it RIGHTEOUS ACT Strangers in Distant Parts of World STAND with this Woman of Faith Today

Jesus said, "Whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?" Matthew 16.25–26

### b. See the End: Patience of God Exhausted

v. 13 Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her."

Twist to Story > Woman gave to Remember Jesus, Gift become Tribute to Her We NOT SURE of her Name but GOD IS – Written in HIS BOOK of LIFE EACH of 4 Gospels RECOUNT her Devotion to the Soon-to-DIE Savior

What she's DONE is ADORE this JESUS whom we are INVITED to Worship

v. 16 And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.

JUDAS Small SPEED BUMP on Super HIGHWAY of God's Kingdom Advance The 11 FILLED with HOLY SPIRIT – Witnesses of Resurrection/Ascension 2 Months Later > EVERYTHING has CHANGED!!....

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in n this ministry." (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and "Let another take his office.' So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection."

Acts 1.15-22

NO LONGER Indignant Disciple WHINING about WASTED Money on Jesus Now Sees what Mary Saw > Sees with EARS!
Understands Jesus NOT by CIRCUMSTANCES but by SCRIPTURES
Now these 11 will POUR OUT the PERFUME of their Own BLOOD for Jesus

Last Month saw grave Robert Morrison in Old Protestant Cemetery in MACAU Massive Statues & Monuments of LESSER Men Now FORGOTTEN Asked kind Woman cleaning Grounds where is Robert Morrison's Grave? Smiled and Quickly Pointed to Old, Simple Grave been there for 182 years!

Anglo -Scottish Evangelist, 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Protestant M in China > Served 27 yrs Asked upon Arrival in China > Expect have any Spiritual Impact on the Chinese? He answered, "No sir, but I expect God will!"

After 25 yrs > Translated Whole Bible into Mandarin, Baptized 10 Chinese Planned to Distribution of Scriptures as Broadly as Possible



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