

Jesus quotes **Psalm 118:26** in verse 39. Where else in Scripture is this verse quoted, and by whom?

Read Luke 13:34-35. What does this parallel Gospel account add to today's text?

How can and does a spiritual leader affect his or her followers?

GOSPEL CONNECTION

Jesus is the Messiah. God's covenant with Abraham is unilateral and irrevocable. Paul taught about Jesus' future salvation of Israel. "For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; ²⁶and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written,

“The Deliverer will come from Zion,
He will remove ungodliness from Jacob.”

²⁷“This is My covenant with them,
When I take away their sins.”

²⁸From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of *God's* choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers; ²⁹for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.”
Romans 11:25-29

APPLICATION

How will you incorporate the truth of Biblical prophecy into your life and interactions this week?

MEMORY VERSE

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
We bless you from the house of the Lord.” Psalm 118:26 (ESV)

Sermon-Based Study Guide

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Sermon Series:
King Jesus

Ethan Johnson
Century Baptist Church

Symphony of Sorrow

Matthew 23:37-39

1. Rejected God's prophets
2. Refused God's protection
3. Received God's punishment

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Sermon-Based Community Life Group Study

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Our desire and goal is for all who call Century Baptist their church home to be involved in a community life group, Bible study, or missional community. We believe one of the best ways to be fed and exhorted in our faith is to interact with the Sunday sermon. This guide is a tool to facilitate that interaction.

The purpose of this guide is for all groups, studies, and communities to dive into the Sunday message through the study of Scripture together. If you are not in a group, we encourage you to take the step of involvement in community around your faith and the pursuit of faith in Jesus. This study guide can be used individually, however, the greatest benefit of growth in Scripture and faith comes when people are interacting together around Biblical truth and how God is at work in their lives.

Contact Pastor Paul Herr at 701.223.0478 to learn more about sermon-based community life groups, and leading or hosting a group.

OPENING UP

How do you speak to someone when you are pleading with them?

Introduction to Matthew

Matthew, someone has said, followed Jesus—and took his pen with him. As a tax collector, he was used to writing and to gathering information together in a clear and ordered way. When Jesus called him to live the life of a disciple, Matthew (called Levi in other places) was destined to use his gifts to give us an ordered and carefully written account of who Jesus was and what he came to do. As a disciple himself, Matthew focuses on three things: the King whom disciples follow, the lifestyle his disciples follow, and the way in which people become disciples. The identification of Jesus as a king draws us back into the Old Testament, to themes and predictions which find their fulfillment in his life and work.

(Campbell, I. D. (2008). Opening up Matthew (p. 14). Leominster: Day One Publications.)

Read Matthew 23:37-39 (parallel text: Luke 13:34-35)

What was one point or statement from the message that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

What is meant by *Jerusalem*?

Why did Jesus state *Jerusalem* twice in this teaching?

How and why did Jesus lament over Jerusalem?

What does Jesus have in view as He speaks the words recorded in these three verses?

What is the longing of Jesus?

What do the phrases, “I wanted” and “you were unwilling,” reveal?

What response did Jesus receive (vs. 37)?

In verse 38, to what does *house* refer?

Read Zechariah 12:1-14. How does this prophetic passage assist our understanding of today’s text?

What does Jesus mean by His words, “From now on you will not see Me”?