



# BEHOLD THE KING

MATTHEW

“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves,”

Matthew 10:16a

“Be wise as serpents and innocent as doves”

Matthew 10:16b

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on the housetops.

“And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

“But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 10:26-33

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Matthew 10:27

“For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

“Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,

“who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,”

2 Timothy 1:6-9

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Matthew 10:28

“... merciful and gracious, slow to anger,  
and abounding in steadfast love and  
faithfulness”

Exodus 34:6b



“The angel of the LORD encamps around  
those who fear him, and delivers them.”

Psalm 34:7

“Whatever is most **important** is the thing  
that **rules** us.”

Ed Welch

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;”

Proverbs 1:7a

“In the fear of the LORD one has strong confidence, and his children will have a refuge.”

Proverbs 14:26

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3. We have a greater **value** (29-31)

“God doesn’t always get what he wants.”

“God’s will is one will among many.”

“I deeply believe a lot of people are angry with God for stuff he had nothing to do with.”



“God’s in control.”

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“But is he? Of everything? Even evil?  
Are you sure about that?”

John Mark Comer

“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?  
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apart from your Father.”

Matthew 10:29

“But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.”

Matthew 10:30

“Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.”

Matthew 10:31

Q. “What is your only comfort in life and in death?”

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A. “That I am not my own, but belong –  
body and soul, in life and in death – to  
my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

“He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.



“He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.”

Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 1

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4. We have a greater **hope** (32-33)

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Matthew 10:32-33

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Frank Laubach

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- the **purpose**

“Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven,”

Matthew 10:31-32

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I will confess you before my Father.

“... because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.



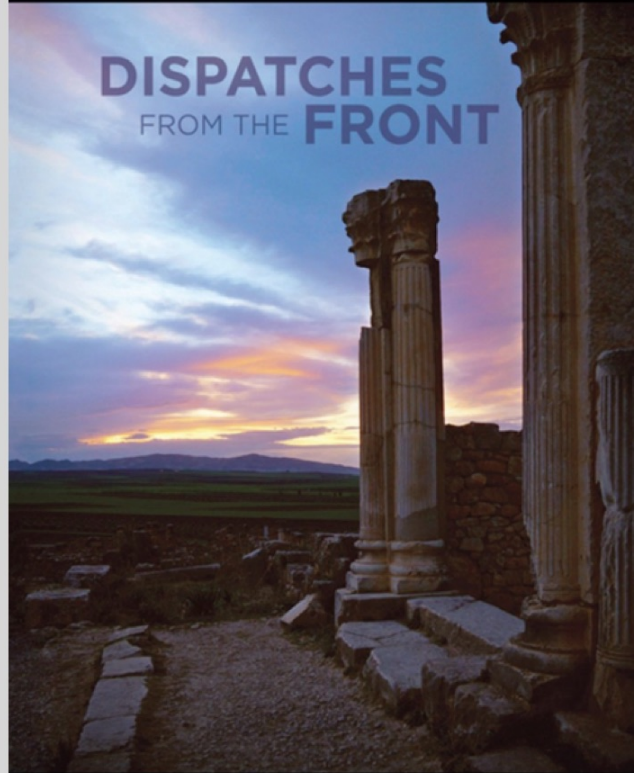
“For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

“For the Scripture says, ‘Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.’”

Romans 10:9-11

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# DISPATCHES FROM THE FRONT



DAY OF BATTLE

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- A greater hope – “I also will acknowledge before my Father” (32)