



BEHOLD THE KING

MATTHEW



“From this point I beheld the Rocky
Mountains for the first time.”

Meriwether Lewis

“While I viewed these mountains, I felt a secret pleasure in finding myself so near the head of the heretofore conceived boundless Missouri.

“When I reflected on the difficulties the snowy barrier would most probably throw in my way to the Pacific, and the sufferings and hardship of myself and the party in them,

“it in some measure counterbalanced the joy I had felt in the first moment in which I gazed upon them.

“As I have always held it a crime to anticipate evils I will believe it a good comfortable road until I am compelled to believe differently.”

Meriwether Lewis





“We proceeded on to the top of the dividing ridge from which I discovered immense ranges

A landscape photograph showing a dirt road winding through a mountainous area. The foreground is a dry, rocky slope with sparse green shrubs. In the middle ground, a white car is parked on the dirt road. The background features a series of blue-toned mountain ranges under a sky with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is arid and mountainous.

“of high mountains still to the West of us with their tops partially covered with snow.”

Meriwether Lewis

“With Lewis’s last step to the top of the Divide went decades of theory about the nature of the Rocky Mountains, shattered by a single glance from a single man.

“Equally shattered were Lewis’s hopes for an easy portage to a major branch of the Columbia.”

Stephen Ambrose

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more than we imagine.

“Jesus went on from there and walked beside the Sea of Galilee. And he went up on the mountain and sat down there.

“And great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others, and they put them at his feet, and he healed them,

“so that the crowd wondered, when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled healthy, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel.

“Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, ‘I have compassion on the crowd because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat.

“‘And I am unwilling to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way.’

“And the disciples said to him, ‘Where are we to get enough bread in such a desolate place to feed so great a crowd?’

“And Jesus said to them, ‘How many loaves do you have?’ They said, ‘Seven, and a few small fish.’

“And directing the crowd to sit down on the ground, he took the seven loaves and the fish, and having given thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.

“And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up seven baskets full of the broken pieces left over.

“Those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children. And after sending away the crowds, he got into the boat and went to the region of Magadan.”

Matthew 15:29-39

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They serve different proclamational purposes.

God's Bigger Plan **Illustrated**

Similarities:

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1. **Compassion**

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3. **Impossibility**

Differences:

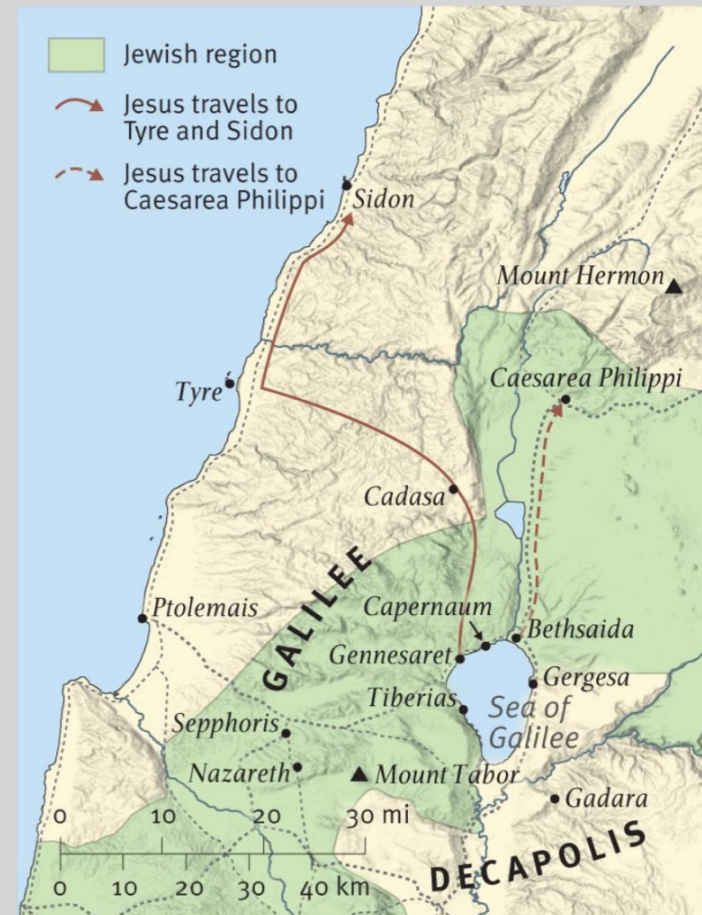
Differences:

1. **Numbers**

Differences:

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2. Location



Differences:

1. Numbers
2. Location
3. **Audience**

God's Bigger Plan **Predicted**

“All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.”

Psalm 22:27

“I am the LORD; I have called you in
righteousness; I will take you by the hand
and keep you; I will give you as a covenant
for the people, a light for the nations,”

Isaiah 42:6

“ . . . he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ‘Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;

“for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

Luke 2:28-32

God's Bigger Plan **Enacted**

“[he] saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth.

“In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. And there came a voice to him: ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’

“But Peter said, ‘By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean.’

“And the voice came to him again a second time, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’”

Acts 10:11-15

“You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean.”

Acts 10:28

“When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, ‘Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.’”

Acts 11:18

“And they sang a new song, saying, ‘Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals,’

“for you were slain, and by your blood you
ransomed people for God from every tribe
and language and people and nation,’
and you have made them a kingdom of priests
to serve God, and they will reign on earth
forever.”

“and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

Revelation 5:9-10

God's kingdom and God's work is always more than we imagine.

How do we respond?

How do we respond?

humility

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humility

faith

“There is hope in every trial
For I can trust the Lord
He will turn my heart towards him
And help me bear the thorn

“So in faith I follow Jesus
On the road not understood
For I know that he is working
For his glory and my good”

CityAlight

“There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry, Mine!”

Abraham Kuyper