



BEHOLD THE KING

MATTHEW

LEAD Class

LGBTQ and the Christian

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Three key beliefs:

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I create me.

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You affirm me.

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And if you don't, you must hate me.

How do we miss the moment?

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1. We become blind to the amazing things God is doing.

How do we miss the moment?

2. We fail to lead with our ears.

How do we miss the moment?

3. We respond with either truth **or** grace.

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“From that time . . .” (21a)

“From that time 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.” (21)

“And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, ‘Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.’” (22)

ABORTION

IS

BLOODY

MURDER

EX.20:13

ADULTERER

IN

CHIEF

MT. 19:9

MK. 6:18



ISRAEL

IS

DOOMED

PS. 9:17

**NO
TEARS
FOR
QUEERS**

**YOUR
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JER. 5:3 2PET. 2:1-3

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- Jesus exists to make my life comfortable.

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“For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” (23)

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- Peter is trying to **trip/trap** Jesus.

hindrance (skandalon) =
to bait, trap, or cause to stumble

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“Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.’” (24)

“come after me” =

- **deny self** -

“Death to self is not so much a prerequisite of discipleship as a continuing characteristic of it.”

D.A. Carson

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“For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” (25)

“Full and abundant life is the life of service, the life in Christ, the life that takes anyone out of concentration on merely selfish concerns and puts ultimate meaning into life.”

Leon Morris

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- World-gaining is **soul-losing**.

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“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?” (26)

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- Self-preserving is self-defeating.
- World-gaining is soul-losing.
- You can never **lose with Jesus!**

“For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.” (27)

“And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life.”

Matthew 19:29

“For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”

Philippians 1:21



John and Betty Stam



“When we consecrate ourselves to God, we think we are making a great sacrifice, and doing lots for Him,



“when really we are only
letting go of some little, bitsie
trinkets we have been
grabbing,



“and when our hands are empty, He fills them full of His treasures.”

Betty (Scott) Stam

“Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.” (28)

“Lord, I give up my own **plans** and **purposes**,
All my own desires and hopes and ambitions,
And I accept your will for my life.

“I give up myself, **my life**, my all, utterly to you, to be yours forever.

“I hand over to your keeping all of my friendships; all the people whom I love are to take second place in my heart.

“Fill me now and seal me with your Spirit.
Work out your whole will in my life at any
cost, for me to live is Christ. Amen.”

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