

MATTHEW : The Kingdom Foretold

Matthew 8:1-17

What is Matthew revealing to us about God's kingdom?

1. _____ may enter the kingdom of God through _____ and _____ to the King.

2. God's kingdom brings _____ from the _____.

3. The _____, deity, and _____ of Jesus, the King.
- *Isaiah 53:3-6*

Reflection:

1. What do we lose when we take verses or even entire events and stories out of their context? What is gained when we connect stories with what is immediately surrounding it? Or how it fits in its book? Or the entire Bible?

2. What do Jesus' miracles and healings tell us about who he is or what he came to do? What else do Jesus' healings point to beyond the immediate healings themselves?

3. The problem of evil and suffering in our world is one of the most difficult to help others understand, or to even understand ourselves. How do we make sense of the suffering in our world considering who Jesus is and what he came to do? How do we approach answering this not just intellectually but relationally?

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
(Isaiah 53:4; ESV)