

# MATTHEW

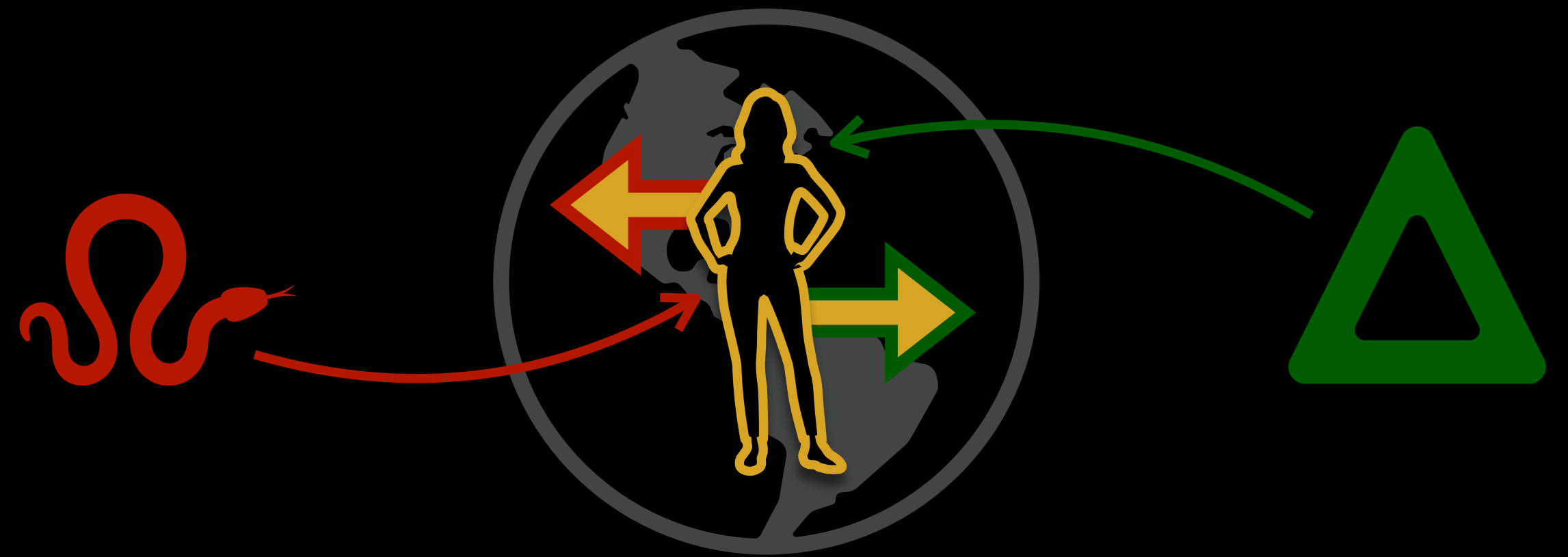
*Messiah Has Come*



True **Authority**  
*Justification/Identity*



Functional **Authority**  
*Sanctification/Lifestyle*



— Authority — Faith — Follow — Reward →

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*Jesus wants his disciples to adopt  
his view of the lost.*

Actors

Would the disciples believe in him a Messiah and embrace his view of Israel?

Recipients

Would they look beyond their own personal suffering to the spiritual needs of others?

Us

Will we view all people through the eyes of Jesus and not the baggage that they might bring to us?

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## Genesis 1:28

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## Genesis 12:3-4

<sup>2</sup> And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

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*Jesus needs and desires to use  
willing disciples to fulfill his mission.*

Actors

Would the disciples embrace Jesus' desire to use them to save Israel?

Recipients

Would they look beyond their suffering and unto the spiritual needs of others; understanding their need for discipleship in the midst of difficulty?

Us

Will we be sacrificially concerned with the spiritual needs of others over ourselves?

## Matthew 10:16-33

<sup>16</sup> “Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup> Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, <sup>18</sup> and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup> When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. <sup>20</sup> For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup> Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup> and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup> When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. — —

# Messianic Prophecy

Revival in Israel	Isaiah 59:20–21; Malachi 4:6
Opposition with civil authorities	Psalms 2:1–3
Messiah's death and resurrection	Psalms 16:10; 22; Isaiah 53; Daniel 9:26
Messiah's return to heaven	Psalms 110:1
7 Year Tribulation	Daniel 9:26–27
Conflict will increase, making endurance a requirement	Daniel 7:25
Messiah's followers would not complete their preaching task before Messiah's return.	Zechariah 14:1–9
Their persecution will be cut short	Daniel 7:25b; Matthew 24:21–22

<sup>26</sup> “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>27</sup> What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. <sup>28</sup> 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. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup> So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

*Jesus challenges his disciples to boldly declare God's message without fear in the face of opposition.*

Actors

Would the disciples realize the challenge before them and remain faithful to his mission?

Recipients

Would the believers see their circumstances through different eyes and entrust themselves to God's mission over their suffering?

Us

Will we press in to gospel challenges because He is more valuable to us than our potential suffering?

# Is He Worthy?

Do you feel the world is broken?

Do you feel the shadows deepen?

But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through?

Do you wish that you could see it, all made new?

*We do*

Is all creation groaning?

Is a new creation coming?

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst?

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?

*It is*

Does the Father truly love us?

Does the Spirit move among us?

And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves?

Does our God intend to dwell again with us?

*He does*

# Is He Worthy?

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break, the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave

He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

Of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this?

*He is*

## Matthew 10:34-42

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*Jesus' disciples were to proclaim the message of absolute allegiance to Jesus.*

Actors

Would the disciples needed to relay his bold message with clarity and conviction?

Recipients

Would the believers maintain a shared conviction to allegiance to Jesus in spite of their suffering?

Us

Will we be faithful to charge each other to sacrificial allegiance to Jesus, event though we will face rejection and opposition?

# Principle

Jesus desires to use willing disciples to be used by to *model* and *lead* others into an increasingly sacrificial lifestyle of allegiance to him, his message, and his mission.

**Next Week**

Easter