



THE GOSPEL OF  
MATTHEW



# RISE AND FALL OF THE RESISTANCE

Matthew 26:47–56



# THE ROAD MAP

- #1 | The Betrayer**
- #2 | The Resistor**
- #3 | The Posse**
- #4 | The Disciples**



# #1 | THE BETRAYER

Matthew 26:47–50



**47** While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. **48** Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; seize him.”

# The Betrayer



**Matthew 26:47-50**

49 And he came up to Jesus at once and said,  
“Greetings, Rabbi!” And he kissed him.



6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend;  
profuse are the kisses of an enemy.



<sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, “**Friend**, do what you came to do.” Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him.



<sup>13</sup> But he replied to one of them, '**Friend**, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup> Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you.



<sup>15</sup> Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ <sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first last.”



<sup>11</sup> “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. <sup>12</sup> And he said to him, ‘**Friend,** how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless.



<sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup> For many are called, but few are chosen.”



# #1 | THE BETRAYER

Matthew 26:47–50



# THE BETRAYER

**Jesus exposes the bankruptcy of the Betrayer's  
deceitful kiss**



## #2 | THE RESISTOR

Matthew 26:51-54



**51** And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear.



**52** Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword.



- 14 The wicked draw the sword** and bend their bows to bring down the poor and needy, to slay those whose way is upright;
- 15 their sword shall enter their own heart,** and their bows shall be broken.



**38** “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ **39** But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. **40** And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well.



**41** And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. **42** Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.



**53** Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? **54** But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?"



## #2 | THE RESISTOR

Matthew 26:51-54



# THE RESISTOR

**Jesus exposes the recklessness of the Resistor's  
futile fight**



# #3 | THE POSSE

Matthew 26:55–56b



**55** At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out as against **a robber**, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me.



**56** But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.”



<sup>12</sup> And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons.



<sup>13</sup> He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you make it a **den of robbers.**”



6 The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.



<sup>7</sup> Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.



<sup>8</sup> And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency<sup>[e]</sup> in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

# The Posse

his righteousness endures forever.”



# 2 Corinthians 9:6–9

9 As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given  
to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”



# #3 | THE POSSE

Matthew 26:55–56b



# THE POSSE

**Jesus exposes the pretense of the Posse's  
nocturnal entrapment**



# #4 | THE DISCIPLES

Matthew 26:56c



**56c** Then all the disciples left him and fled.



**31** Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’”



7 “Awake, **O sword**, against my shepherd,  
against the man who stands next to me,”  
declares the Lord of hosts.

“Strike the shepherd,  
and **the sheep will be scattered**;  
I will turn my hand against the little ones.



- 8 In the whole land, declares the Lord,  
two thirds shall be cut off and perish,  
and one third shall be left alive.



9 And I will put this third into the fire,  
and refine them as one refines silver,  
and test them as gold is tested.  
They will call upon my name,  
and I will answer them.  
I will say, '**They are my people**';  
and they will say, '**The Lord is my God.**'"



<sup>1</sup> Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.



<sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and **they will be his people,** and **God himself will be** with them as **their God.**”



<sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”



# #4 | THE DISCIPLES

Matthew 26:56c



# THE DISCIPLES

**Jesus exposes the dishonor of the Disciples'**  
fearful flight



# JESUS EXPOSES

- #1: The bankruptcy of the Betrayer's deceitful kiss**
- #2: The recklessness of the Resistor's futile fight**
- #3: The pretense of the Posse's nocturnal entrapment**
- #4: The dishonor of the Disciples' fearful flight**



# CONCLUDING CHALLENGE

How then shall we respond to unjust treatment and persecution for obeying our Heavenly Father?



# CONCLUDING CHALLENGE

**Embrace it as part of  
following in Jesus' footsteps.**



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