

(Matthew 26:1-14) Messiah On A Mission (Part 54)

"THE DANGER OF MISUNDERSTANDING THE CULTURE"

The Need to Understand Culture

"The integrated pattern of human knowledge, belief and behaviour that depends on man's capacity for learning and transmitting knowledge to succeeding generations" The definition expands to include, "customary beliefs, social forms, and material traits of a racial, religious, or social group. Basically, culture is the set of rules that in place whether written or unwritten. A set of rules that one needs to know in order to function and thrive within a given context" (Gluck, 2022).

A Picture of Constitutional Monarchy



Misunderstanding Culture: Is Not Knowing How One Stands in Relation to Known Reality



The Kingdom Expressed in Terms of Transcendence

- . The conquest of the new kingdom will be evident (Matt. 10:7-8)
- . The Gentiles will be included, demons cast out, sick healed, judgment will come, the gates of hell shall not prevail
- . Jesus as the new Joshua will conquer (Matt. 4:12-25; Acts 7:25; Hebrews 4:8)

The Culture Expressed

- . The way up is down (Matt. 23:12)
- . The servant is not greater than his master (Matt. 10:25-42)
- . The way to fruitfulness is descending, death, loneliness (John 12:24)
- . The way to possess life is to surrender all to Jesus (John 12:25-33)

The Church and its Culture

The Church is a beautiful and wonderfully powerful institution that is God-ordained and predestined to succeed in all God has appointed it to accomplish.

The culture is one of a servant to God who, in suffering and temptations, will see the development of the soul. This culture will test all of one's allegiances to ascertain the loyalty of the soul and one's love for God.