

# "The King's Inauguration"

Matthew - 3-7

## Introduction:

Jesus' Baptism - Matthew 3:13-17

**Summary:** The public anointing of David with oil became the practice of Israel and identified the newly anointed king. The public baptism of Jesus in water became the practice of the Church and identifies the presence of the Holy Spirit, first on Jesus, and then in his followers and signifies our place in the family of God.

The Wilderness Temptations - Matthew 4:1-11

**Summary:** (1 Samuel 17:45-47) David completely rested on the promises of God for his safety; he rested on the truth and veracity of God's word. Jesus rested on the absolute truth of God's Word and it alone destroyed the devil; so he left.

The King's Priorities - Matthew 5-7

Attitudes - Matthew 5:1-16

Public Actions - Matthew 5:21-48

Private Actions - Matthew 6:1-34

**Summary:** A universal truth is that God is in control; men, battle anger; women, battle fear, God is in control, let it go! The proper response to the trouble of life is love from a pure heart; love for people out of control and love for circumstances that need to be organized and ordered. Let it go; the King's got it!

Caring for Each Other - Matthew 7:1-14

Recognizing Other Believers - Matthew 7:15-27

The King's Authority - Matthew 7:28-29

**Summary:** Judging others can be about comparing ourselves with others; but Jesus instructs his listeners to do a careful self-evaluation before we pass judgment on others; we should do an accurate inspection of the fruit in our lives to make sure that we truly know the Lord.

**Conclusion:** In these five chapters we learned three vital things about this new King.

First, He was affirmed, not by men or masses, but by the Father and identified by the Holy Spirit at the moment of His public baptism. That affirmation was for us. Here we see the first New Testament evidence of the Holy Trinity. The King is the Son of God.

Second, this divine King took on human flesh and resisted all temptation. By living by the same word of God that God gave to his people in the wilderness. By refusing to tempt God, and by worshipping God alone.

Third, this King began by affirming the law and the prophets and turned the law inward calling us to be like this King with new attitudes towards the harshness of life, with responses to life that point others to the King and treating others the way the King treats them.