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MATTHEW **The KING** **has Come**

“Shattering Unrealistic Expectations” (Matthew 13:1-23, pew Bible page 818)

As Jesus preaches to the crowd, He uses a parable to help His disciples with their unrealistic expectations about how people respond to the Gospel.

- I. The Story of the Parable (vv. 1-9)
 - a. “the path” (v. 4)
 - b. “the rocky ground” (vv. 5-6)
 - c. “among the thorns” (v. 7)
 - d. “good soil” (v. 8)

- II. The Purpose of the Parable (vv. 10-17)
 - a. The Disciples’ Question (v. 10)
 - b. The Lord’s Answer (vv. 11-17)

III. The Explanation of the Parable (vv. 18-23)

- a. The Hard Heart (v. 19)
- b. The Shallow Heart (vv. 20-21)
- c. The Distracted Heart (v. 22)
- d. The Fruitful Heart (v. 23)

IV. The Takeaways from the Parable

- a. The Gospel message is to be shared with anyone and everyone indiscriminately.
- b. Many who hear the Gospel will remain lost.
- c. Some who hear the Gospel will be saved to bear lasting fruit.

Suggested Resources For Further Study:

- Parallel Passages: Mark 4:1-20 & Luke 8:4-15
- Supporting Verses: Matthew 7:14, 11:15, John 1:16, Romans 10:17 & James 2:19