

Matthew

- 13.53-16.20: focus on Jesus' identity
- Climax – Mt 16.16: You are the Messiah the Son of the Living God
- Matthew demonstrating uniqueness of Jesus through –
 - Fulfillment of OT prophecies concerning the Messiah
 - Jesus' unprecedented authority seen through His teaching and His miracles

MATTHEW RECAP



When stumbling over Jesus due to disappointment (Mt 11.1-19)

- **Let Him know** - John approached Jesus with his questions and disappointment and we should as well
- **Stay low** - surest way to stumble over Jesus is to make demands of Jesus; hold expectations with open hands
- **Worship** - lifting Him up positions us properly before the Lord

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13:54-14:12



- **John the Baptist** – man of conviction; no positional power yet confronts Herod over sin
- **Herod** – man of circumstance; much positional power yet driven by expectations and opinions of others
 - Wanted to kill John but afraid of the people
 - Distressed but because of his oaths and dinner guests he ordered her request to be granted

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Becoming a person of conviction

- **Acknowledge that following Jesus will bring us into conflict with the world -** In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world (John 16.33)
- **Recognize that willful disobedience makes us slaves to Sin –** Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? (Rom 6.16)

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The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
He leads me beside quiet waters, He
refreshes my soul. He guides me along the
right paths for His name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest
valley, I will fear no evil, for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the
presence of my enemies. You anoint my
head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely Your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the
house of the Lord forever.

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