***OF KINGS AND MEN***

***Matthew 13:53-14:14***

**INTRODUCTION:** Today’s passage is sort of an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ interlude.

1. *Chapter 13 contained the great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus’ teaching.*
2. *As we move on to the next section of Scripture, we will look at some of Jesus’s great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
3. *But today’s passage illustrates our life as followers of Jesus Christ, in terms of our situation, our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of a dark and fallen world.*
4. **Matthew's Gospel is the Gospel of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
5. *It was written primarily for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people; and its particular viewpoint of Jesus is as the long-awaited King of the Jews.*
6. *There are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ accounts of Jesus teaching in the synagogue at Nazareth.*
7. That passage (Isaiah 61:1-2) was clearly understood to be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_prophecy.
8. **The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king in this passage.**
9. *The fact that he hadn't heard about these things before that time simply underscores how uninvolved a ruler he was*.
10. *Though Herod apparently didn’t know much about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, he did know something about the one who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus’ coming.*
11. *The whole family of the Herodians was an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bunch.*
12. *John dared to tell Herod what the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ said.*
13. *He wanted to silence that righteous tongue of his; and by doing so, silence the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he received from the word of God.*
14. *And here's where we see Herod's \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fearfulness and confusion.*
15. **And now, the time of John's release would come . . . and so had Herodias' \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ against him.**
16. *It was Herod's \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
17. *The Scripture tells us that Herod, “was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”*
18. *He was irrational because of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; and fearful that it was John the Baptist, risen from the dead.*

***Conclusion:*** *Jesus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ John.*

1. *He was Jesus’ earthly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*
2. *As it turned out, whatever \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ they sought didn't last long.*
3. *He reacted as He always does toward those who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Him and seek Him. He felt compassion toward them, and welcomed them to Himself, and loved them.*