



JESUS the MESSIAH

IN THE BOOK OF MATTHEW

An Overcoming Messiah

Matthew 26:47-56

Which is More Powerful?



Ferrari Enzo - 660 HP



Tesla Model S Plaid - 1,000 HP

Who in this scene has true power?

- The Crowd?
- The Disciple who Fights Back?
- Jesus?
- Getting True Power

The Crowd?

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“Power is the ability to direct or prevent the current or future actions of other groups and individuals. Or, put differently, power is what we exercise over others that leads them to behave in ways they would not otherwise have behaved.”

–Moises Naim

The Crowd?

- The crowd has the support of the rich and influential, a numbers advantage, and a weapons advantage
- The scene ends with Jesus in their custody

The Disciple who Fights Back?

- His rescue attempt fails miserably
- His response is a common one when we feel threatened: lash out
- This prolongs the cycle of violence and makes things worse for everyone

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Jesus?

- Jesus' desired outcome: to fulfill the Scriptures
- Jesus only ends up in the crowd's custody because He allows them to arrest Him
- As He's being arrested, Jesus exposes the true powerlessness of the crowd that is arresting Him

Getting True Power

- Key 1: Awareness of a world beyond this one
 - If we don't believe there's a spiritual world or that it interacts with our world, we'll miss out on the spiritual resources God wants to supply us in our trials
- Key 2: Awareness of God's plan
 - All the suffering followers of Jesus face in this life will one day end in resurrection and glory

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