

Treasure Hunt

- What repeated saying marks the structure of the third section?
- How does this saying explain a defect in Peter's understanding of how Jesus is "the Christ"?
- What is the ambiguity in the meaning of the word "offense" and the corresponding verb "offend"?
- How would you resolve this ambiguity in 16:23?
- Explain what it means to "savour" something (16:23).
- How may Paul be alluding to this verse in the epistles?

Overview of Matthew

Matthew: The Gospel of the Kingdom

Gen 5:1 “This is the book of the generations of Adam”

- Genealogy

1:1-4:16 The Person of Jesus the Messiah

1:1 “The book of the Generation of Jesus Christ”

- 1:1-17 Genealogy
- 1:18-25 Birth
- 2:1-23 Recognition & Preservation
- 3:1-17 Baptism
- 4:1-11 Temptation
- 4:12-16 Move to Capernaum (transition)

4:17-16:20 The Proclamation of Jesus the Messiah

4:17 “From that time Jesus began to preach, ...”

- 4:18-11:30 Preparation of the Twelve
- 12:1-13:58 The Great Schism
- 14:1-16:20 Growing Opposition

16:21-28:20 The Passion of Jesus the Messiah

16:21 “From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, ...”

- 16:21-17:21 Principles of Discipleship
- 17:22-20:16 Life in the Kingdom
- 20:17-25:46 Controversy in Jerusalem
- 26:1-28:20 Death & Resurrection

Four Prophecies of the Passion

16:21-22	17:22-23	20:17-20	26:1-2
21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples,	22 And while they abode in Galilee , Jesus said unto them,	17 And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them,	1 And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said unto his disciples,
how that he must go unto Jerusalem,		18 Behold, we go up to Jerusalem;	2 Ye know that after two days is <i>the feast of the passover</i> ,
and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes ,	The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men:	and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes , and they shall condemn him to death, 19 And shall deliver him to the Gentiles	and the Son of man is betrayed
and be killed ,	23 And they shall kill him,	to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him :	to be crucified.
and be raised again the third day.	and the third day he shall be raised again.	and the third day he shall rise again.	
22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, ...	And they were exceeding sorry.	20 Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, ...	(Anointing in the house of Simon the Leper)

What's Missing about the Christ?

Mat 21:9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the **Son of David**: Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. 10 And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? 11 And the multitude said, This is Jesus the **prophet** of Nazareth of Galilee.

Mat 21:46 But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a **prophet**.

Weaknesses of the Rock

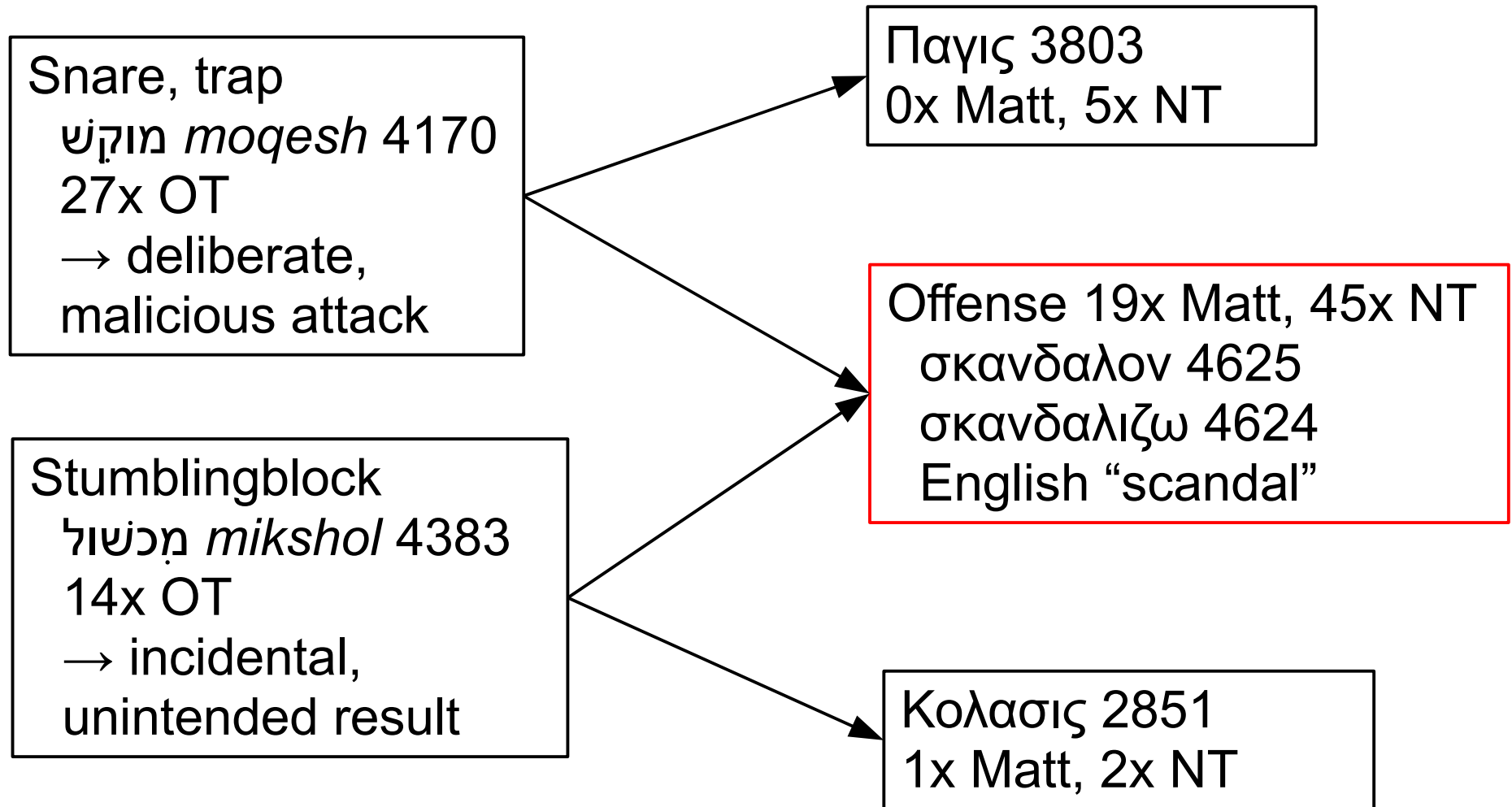
Act 10:13 And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.
14 But Peter said, **Not so, Lord.**

Mat 4:9 All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. 10 Then saith Jesus unto him, **Get thee hence, Satan:** for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Recall:

Mat 16:1 The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven.

The Ambiguity of Offense



Three Kinds of Offense in Matthew

NB: All the same word family (σκανδαλον, σκανδαλιζω)

By Jesus: incidental (11:6; 13:57; 15:12; 17:27; 26:31, 33).

Mat 15:10 And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand: 11 Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man. 12 Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were **offended**, after they heard this saying?

Persecution: deliberate (13:21; 24:10)

Mat 13:20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; 21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is **offended**.

Bodily members: used by Satan (5:29-30; 18:7-9; cf. 4:1-11) → Mixture

Mat 5:29 And if thy right eye **offend** thee, pluck it out, and cast *it* from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cast into hell. 30 And if thy right hand **offend** thee, cut it off, and cast *it* from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cast into hell.

How do you “savour” something?

“Savour” = φρονεω (5426). Deliberate attention and thought. KJV translations:

- 12x mind, minded
- 5x think, thinkest
- 3x regardeth
- 2x likeminded, savourest
- 1x affection, care, careful, regard, set, understood

Rom 8:5 For they that are after the flesh do **mind** the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

Col 3:2 **Set your affection** on things above, not on things on the earth.