

Matthew 24-25 ENCORE The Olivet Discourse – what happens next pt. 2?

- 1) What did Jesus want us to understand from the parable of the fig tree (Matthew 24:32-33)?
- 2) Comment on predictions about when the world will end or when Jesus will return (Matthew 24:36).
- 3) What happened to everyone but Noah's family during the flood (Matthew 24:37-41)?
- 4) How do you know that those "taken" in the Olivet Discourse is not referring to the rapture but rather people taken in judgment (Matthew 24:37-41)?
- 5) What is the main lesson from the thief (Matthew 24:42-44)?
- 6) What did Jesus say about His second coming in Revelation 16:15?
- 7) What lesson should we learn from the wise servant (Matthew 24:45-47)?
- 8) What lesson can we learn from the evil servant (Matthew 24:48-50)?
- 9) What Lesson should we learn from the doorkeeper (Mark 13:33-37)?
- 10) Discuss the parable of the ten virgins (Matthew 25:1-12).
- 11) Discuss the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30).
 - a) What reward did the first servant receive (25:21)?
 - b) What reward did the second servant receive (25:23)?
 - c) What reward did the third servant receive? (25:30)?
 - d) What is the main point of the parable of the talents?
- 12) What main point does Jesus want us to get as a result of studying the Olivet Discourse?
- 13) How can a Christian be certain that they are "watching"?
- 14) At the end of everything what happens to the unbelievers or "goats" (Matthew 25:12, 41)?
- 15) What happens to those who have trusted Jesus Christ as savior or the "sheep" (Matthew 25:23, 34)?
- 16) What would you do if you knew Jesus was coming tomorrow?
- 17) What would you not do if you knew Jesus was coming today?
- 18) If you knew for certain that Jesus would return in five years what changes would you make?

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Monday (Matthew 26:1-16) Jesus once again told His disciples that He was about to go to the cross. The Jewish leaders were watching and waiting for an opportunity to kill Him. We can see the motives of Judas Iscariot's heart; he only cared about the money. He followed Jesus for three years, heard all the teaching, saw all the miracles, and experienced the amazing wonderful person of Jesus Christ but still he was willing to settle for a few coins. What a tragedy! Judas heard the message of the cross, but he was unmoved. He was not saddened but rather saw his opportunity for power and wealth slipping away. He probably lamented the three years of his life which he had "invested" with Jesus. He was tired of the message of the cross, sick of Jesus and the others it was time to get one final profit from this relationship. What a contrast to the woman who took an extremely expensive flask of perfume and poured it on the feet of Jesus because of her sorrow and extreme devotion and love for Him.

Tuesday (Matthew 26:17-35) This is the passage we have come to call the Last Supper. I am sorry to burst your bubble but the painting of the same name is likely not accurate. They did not really sit at chairs and tables like we do today. Rather they reclined near a low table on the floor without chairs. Think about the audacity of Judas as he asked in verse 25 "Rabbi, is it I?" He knew he was betraying Jesus; he had already made up his mind. In fact he was seeking an opportunity right then. Jesus took this opportunity of His betrayal to give Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of all mankind. When we meet for the Lord's Supper it is not for some ceremony, it is not an imparting of special grace, it not a magic ritual at all! It is simply God's people remembering our Creator as He gave Himself for our sins. As His body was broken and His blood was shed for your sin and my sin.

Wednesday (Matthew 26:33) Why," cries one, "this is no promise of God." Just so, but it was a promise of man, and therefore it came to nothing. Peter thought that he was saying what he should assuredly carry out; but a promise which has no better foundation than a human resolve will fall to the ground. No sooner did temptations arise than Peter denied his Master and used oaths to confirm his denial. – Spurgeon

Thursday (Matthew 26:33) What is man's word? An earthen pot broken with a stroke. What is your own resolve? A blossom, which, with God's care, may come to fruit, but which, left to itself, will fall to the ground with the first wind that moves the bough. On man's word hang only what it will bear. On thine own resolve depend not at all. On the promise of thy God hang time and eternity, this world and the next, thine all and the all of all thy beloved ones." This volume is a checkbook for believers, and this page is meant as a warning as to what bank they draw upon and whose signature they accept. Rely upon Jesus without limit. Trust not thyself nor any horn of woman, beyond due bounds; but trust thou only and wholly in the LORD. – Spurgeon

Friday (Matthew 26:64) Ah, LORD, Thou wast in Thy lowest state when before Thy persecutors Thou wast made to stand like a criminal! Yet the eyes of Thy faith could see beyond Thy present humiliation into Thy future glory. What words are these, "Nevertheless - hereafter!" I would imitate Thy holy foresight, and in the midst of poverty, or sickness, or slander, I also would say, "Nevertheless - hereafter." Instead of weakness, Thou hast all power; instead of shame, all glory; instead of derision, all worship, Thy cross has not dimmed the splendor of Thy crown, neither has the spittle marred the beauty of Thy face. Say, rather, Thou are the more exalted and honored because of Thy sufferings. – Spurgeon

Saturday (Matthew 26:64) So, LORD, I also would take courage from the "hereafter." I would forget the present tribulation in the future triumph. Help thou me by directing me into Thy Father's love and into Thine own patience, so that when I am derided for Thy name I may not be staggered but think more and more of the hereafter, and, therefore, all the less of today. I shall be with Thee soon and behold Thy glory. Wherefore, I am not ashamed but say in my inmost soul, "Nevertheless - hereafter." – Spurgeon