

The Last Week Of Jesus' Life

The Second Coming Of Christ:
The Separation Of The Sheep And Goats
Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday – A Day Of Controversy

Jesus Left The Temple, Never To Return. Matthew 24:1

- ▶ Prophesied destruction upon the city, the temple, and the nation of Israel. Matthew 24:1-35
- ▶ Prophesied His second coming and the final judgment. Matthew 24:36-51; 25
 - Only the Father knows. Matthew 24:36
 - Suddenly, need for preparedness. Matthew 24:37-44

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Need for preparedness illustrated, – three parables. "Knoweth no man." Matthew 24:36

- ▶ The parable of the faithful and unfaithful servants. Matthew 24:45-51
- ▶ The parable of the ten virgins. Matthew 25:1-13
- ▶ The parable of the talents. Matthew 25:14-30
- ▶ The Lord may delay His coming!

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The Second Coming.

Matthew 24:42, "Watch therefore: for ye know not on what day your Lord cometh."

Matthew 24:44, "Therefore be ye also ready; for in an hour that ye think not the Son of man cometh."

Matthew 25:13, "Watch therefore, for ye know not the day nor the hour."

Review Context of Matthew 25

- ▶ **"BUT OF THAT DAY AND HOUR ..."** Matthew 24:36
- ▶ The expressions, "*the day*," "*the great day*," "*that day*," and "*that hour*," are known expressions in Scriptures for the final day of judgment. Matthew 7:22; Matthew 11:22, 24; Matthew 12:36

THE JUDGMENT. Matthew 25:31-46

The judgment will be universal.

- ▶ Judgment of Matthew 25:31-46 reveals ALL NATIONS standing before the throne of Christ.
 - cf. Revelation 20:11-13.
- ▶ Some will be saved. Matthew 25:34
- ▶ Some will be lost. Matthew 25:41
- ▶ Judgment will be according to works. cf. Matthew 25:40, 45; cf. 2 Corinthians 5:10

“YE DID IT NOT” – Matthew 25:45

Some will be lost, but NOT because of

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- ▶ A refusal to obey the gospel. **cf. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9**
- ▶ The commission of positive sins. **Galatians 5:19-21; Revelation 21:8**
- ▶ Not a failure to confess Christ. **Matthew 10:32-33**

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“YE DID IT NOT” – Matthew 25:45

The reason for their eternal condemnation was a failure to do! **cf. James 4:17**

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The nature of these things ...

- ▶ **They were possible.** God does not require the impossible of us. **2 Corinthians 8:12**
- ▶ **They were small.** A small morsel of bread or cup of water. **Matthew 10:42.**
- ▶ **They would have been so helpful.** **Matthew 25:42-44**

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“YE DID IT NOT” – Matthew 25:45

The Lord's estimate of those who failed to prepare.

- ▶ He called the virgins **foolish. 25:8**
- ▶ He called the one-talent man **“wicked and slothful.” 25:26**
- ▶ He referred to these as **unfit for heaven. 25:41**

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The Reason For Our Failure To Do What We Can

- ▶ **Sometimes we do not know of the needs of others. Philippians 4:10**
 - We must look for opportunities. **(“Lift up your eyes ...” John 4:35)**
 - We must seize them when we find them. **Colossians 4:5**
- ▶ **“We can't do everything.”**
 - True that no individual nor congregation can do it all. **1 Corinthians 12:12ff**
 - But, am I doing my share? What I can? **cf. Mark 14:3-8**

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- ▶ The Pharisees' excuse was fear of violating the law **cf. John 9:16**
- ▶ The Pharisees were selfish. **Matthew 23:4-5**
- ▶ Some looked the other way. **Luke 10 :31f.**

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The Reason We Must Do
What We Can.

The teaching of Christ.

- ▶ To say and do not is hypocrisy. **Matthew 23:3**
- ▶ The wise man is he who hears and DOES. **Matthew 7:24-27**
- ▶ His true kindred are those who **DO!** **Matthew 12:46-50**
- ▶ Failure means condemnation. **Matthew 25**

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The Reason We Must Do
What We Can.

The identification with Christ.

- ▶ Sharing with others is sharing with Christ. **"Ye did it unto me"** **Matthew 25:40**
- ▶ What we do with or for others is what we do with or for Christ. **cf. Acts 9:4**

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- ▶ **Matthew 25:46, "And these shall go away into eternal punishment: but the righteous into eternal life."**

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