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a study of the Gospel of Matthew



# Matthew 24: 1-3

The Disciples 2 questions:

- When will this happen?
  - Asking about the destruction of the Temple
- What will be the sign of the second coming?
  - Jesus answers by talking about the near event, the destruction of Jerusalem, to serve as a symbol of the far event of his second coming



# Matthew 24: 4-8

NOT indicators of the end of age:

- False Messiahs
- Wars
- Nations rising against nations
- Famines
- Earthquakes

The above are birth pains

- Inescapable and repetitive waves of pain until the end



# Matthew 24: 9-12

Warning to the disciples:

- You will be persecuted
- Many will fall away
- Watch out for false prophets
  - Prophecy about the future is given for the purpose of affecting behavior in the present
  - Be Spiritually discerning, look for the hand that lies behind prophecies to see where it truly comes from
- Spiritual Death
  - Increase wickedness and lovelessness



# Matthew 24: 13-14

Stand firm and share the gospel to ALL nations

- After the gospel is preached to all nations the end will come



# Matthew 24

For the remainder of Chapter 24 and 25, Jesus deals with attitudes that should characterize believers who live during this age and those who await his coming.



# Matthew 24: 32-35

Stay Alert! - Don't Lose Hope

Lesson of the Fig Tree

- Oppression will not go on forever. Summer is near
- We need to maintain hope and determination





# Matthew 24: 36-42

## Stay Alert! - Don't Lose Hope

That day and hour - No one knows!

- We cannot make known what Jesus has declared to be unknown
- Don't be so caught up in everyday activities that you have no concern for righteousness or spiritual realities of walking with the Lord and not walking with the Lord
- God's judgment is handing us over to ourselves, God gives us what we want, and this does not lead to true life.

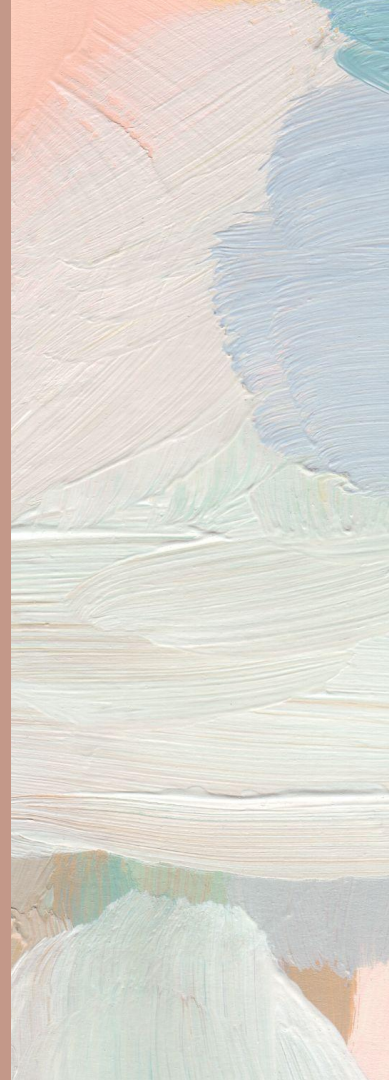


# Matthew 24: 45-51

## Be Ready!

The Parable of the Homeowner and the Thief

- Be ready in faithfully caring for God's people
- The way we think, treat others, and live righteously or unrighteously exposes our heart.
- The church is the primary way that the gospel is made known to a watching world
  - It is our responsibility to make the gospel known by all that we are and say



# Matthew 25: 1-13

## Be Prepared!

### The Parable of the 10 Virgins

- We must be spiritually prepared to meet Jesus
  - We are prepared when our relationship with God and with others is what they should be
  - We are prepared when at any moment we are not ashamed to have the Lord meet us.

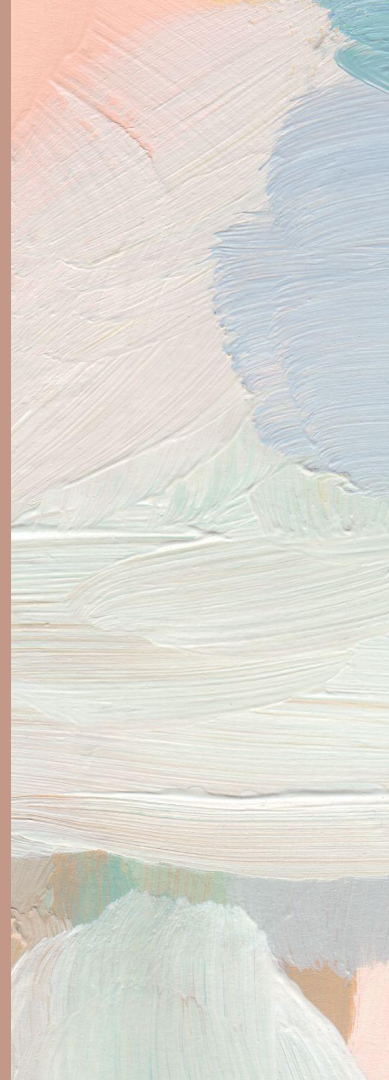


# Matthew 25: 14-30

## Be Productive!

### The Parable of the Talents

- It's not a one size fits all kingdom and the same thing is not expected of everybody in terms of results
  - But SOMETHING is expected from everybody
- The Master is about bringing people along and helping them discover and become who they are capable of being.
- Our behavior is a window into our character



# Matthew 25: 31-46

## The Final Judgment

- When Jesus calls us to follow him he expects us to actually follow him
  - Jesus' mission is to create a people who become a blessing to everyone else. We are to be a sign and a symbol of the kingdom and how God treats the marginalized and vulnerable
- Don't feed the narrative of "I can't measure up"
  - Wrong story! Jesus has so much joy in you and he knows that you will become the best version of yourself if you follow him

