

## CHAPTER 7

### MESSAGE ON THE MOUNT

Jesus gives a cross section of important truths following His teaching of the beatitudes **Matthew 7 is a conclusion of Jesus teachings of the “sermon on the mount”**. and the “Lord’s Prayer”. These teachings are concluded with the illustrations of building on the rock not sand. If we heed His teachings we will have a life that stands, is prosperous, and blessed. In the end the people were “amazed at His teachings” and “He taught them as one that had authority and not as the scribes”.

- I. His instructions on judging others.
- II. His instructions on persistent prayer
- III. His instruction on true salvation
  - A. Narrow is THE WAY
  - B. Fruit is the evidence of THE WAY
  - C. Right relationship confirms THE WAY

- I. **Wrongly \_\_\_\_\_ Others**  
WE ARE TO BE CAREFUL WHEN JUDGING OTHERS...DON'T BE A HYPOCRITE!

A. Why do we wrongly judge others? To cover our own weakness  
“Consider the plank in your own eye first”

- Can be a sign of rejection from others (Need healing)
- Can be a sign of insecurity in yourself (Our security is our identity in Christ)

B. What happens when we wrongly judge others?

“For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged...”

Justice has a way of coming home..... Point 1 finger to others and 3 back to yourself.

When you wrongly judge others you are casting your pearls before swine “They will come back and trample you.” Discern if people will receive your correction and if your correction comes out of a love for truth and freedom!

### \_\_\_\_\_ JUDGMENT

Righteous judgment called “Justice” is a sign of a great nation.

Spiritual judgment is necessary to help others. “Let him who is spiritual...”

God is going to someday judge us and the nations... His judgment is just!  
The Father judged our “Sin” at the cross.

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Our attitude should be one of “Grace” toward others...if we carry a spirit of judging others it could indicate a need for us to seek HIS HEALING.

- II. \_\_\_\_\_ – **Believing in the Father’s Goodness and Love**  
“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you....” We ASK for what we **WISH**, we SEEK for what we **MISS**, and we KNOCK when we feel **LEFT OUT**.
- A. Simply ASKING – we simply don’t have because we fail to ask..why?  
- We feel unworthy  
- We are too proud  
- We are afraid He might not answer  
- We don’t have a revelation of His goodness and love
- B. Simply SEEKING – we know there is more God has for us  
- Shows an attitude of hungering for more of God  
- Shows an attitude that we constantly focus on Him
- C. Simple KNOCKING – denotes occupying a place with HIM.  
- We want to be with Him where He is.  
- We want to possess all He has for us
- III. **Understanding “The Way”**
- A. \_\_\_\_\_ is “The Way”  
- It is a narrow gate and defined path  
- It is not the popular path that is broad and well traveled & easily found.
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ is the evidence of “The Way”  
- They will be deceptive and sound good  
- They will be self serving in their motive  
- They will be known by their fruits
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ confirms “The Way”.  
- You can be religious and not know Him  
- You can do wondrous works and not know Him  
- Your passion to do “His Will” confirms you in “The Way”.

Because of the ability of the flesh to look and act religious and even spiritual, the best way to discern if someone is real is to watch them over time and test their fruits.

Jesus wants our life and fruit to stand the test of time and storms of life.  
“Wise man builds his house on the rock.”

## CHAPTER 8 - 10

### DEMONSTRATING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Jesus now leaves his mountain of teaching and moves into the demonstration of the kingdom of God on earth. He had taught on the beatitudes, Lord's prayer, and sayings of the kingdom. After laying the foundation of kingdom truth He now launches into His ministry of miracles, signs and wonders.

Review the outline of Matthew so far: Matthew is: **"The Gospel of the Kingdom"**

Chapters 1 – 4 \_\_\_\_\_ of the King

- His Ancestry and Birth
- His Messenger of preparation
- His Temptation & Early Ministry

Chapters 5 – 7 \_\_\_\_\_ of the King

- Talked about Worship
- Talked about Wealth
- Talked about our Walk

Chapters 8 – 10 \_\_\_\_\_ of the King

- Power over sickness and disease
- Power over nature
- Power over demons and Satan
- Power over death
- Power over sin

## KINGDOM OF POWER

### 1 Corinthians 4:20

For the **kingdom** of God is not in **word** but in **power**

- I. **JESUS POWER OVER** \_\_\_\_\_
- A. Sickness comes from the human condition and Satan  
    “Sow to the flesh and of the flesh reap corruption”  
    “Spirit of Infirmity was upon him”

**(Sickness is NEVER FROM GOD and never glorifies God)**

**James 1:17 “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.”**

- B. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil and effects of sin.

***1 John 3:8 “He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.”***

- C. Jesus blood cleanses us from all sin and sickness and disease.

**Isaiah 53:5 “But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised For our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.”**

**THREE GREAT ACCOUNTS OF HEALING: leprosy, paralysis, fever**

- Jesus talks to the leper.... Loves him and commands the sickness.
- Jesus complements the centurion.. “Greater faith have I not seen..”
- Jesus touches Peter’s mother in law... she rises and serves Him

**KEYS TO HEALING: Power of Faith**

- Focus on your need so you can focus your faith
- When the word of God becomes greater in you than your sickness you are healed. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God
- Confessing it out loud and receiving your healing through confession is Powerful. “Say I receive my healing in Jesus name.. I am healed!”

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### II. JESUS POWER OVER \_\_\_\_\_

- There was a 'GREAT TEMPEST' and it became a "GREAT CALM".
  - Jesus was asleep during the storm "Peace when your in the will of God"
  - Jesus commanded the storm "Peace be still".
- (Storms of hurricanes, tornados, tsunamis, floods are NOT "ACTS OF GOD")**
- The earth groans and travails as a woman in childbirth... waiting for the redemption of Christ. Romans 8
  - Nature itself feels the curse of man's sin.
  - **Genesis 3:17** *"..Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life."*
  - Where ever the gospel goes freedom from sin and liberty of nature follows.

### III. JESUS POWER OVER \_\_\_\_\_ Acts 10:38

#### **What do we learn about demons and Satan from this passage?**

- Demons love graveyards (places of death)
- Demons want to be embodied... people swine... whatever!
- Demons know their end "Why have you come to torment us before our time?"
- Demons get tormented in Jesus presence
- Demons MUST OBEY GOD'S WORD!

#### **What do we learn about Jesus from this passage?**

- Jesus will go through a storm to set us free (He went through death)
- Jesus set you in ministry following your deliverance

## CHAPTER 8 - 10 PART 2

### “DEMONSTRATING THE KINGDOM”

#### IV. JESUS TALKS ABOUT THE POWER OF \_\_\_\_\_

- All four gospel writers share this powerful message
  - Jesus sees the multitude and challenges them
  
  - Luke gives us a clear message in Luke 14:25 - 33
    - a. Discipleship costs us our **affections** - Comparative Love “Greater Love for...”
    - b. Discipleship costs us our **identification** – “Take up your cross daily”
    - c. Discipleship costs us our **possessions** – “Forsake all that he has..”
- (This kind of discipleship affects the world “We are Salt of the earth” v - 34**

#### V. JESUS POWER OVER \_\_\_\_\_ 9:1 - 8

- Jesus said this power was given unto men on earth.
- People marveled and glorified God that this power had been given to men.

**This was a prelude of power to forgiven sins in heaven...**

**1 Peter 3:18 “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the Spirit.”**

- 1. The completion of His suffering .. “suffered once”**
- 2. The substitution of His suffering “just for unjust”**
- 3. The purpose of His suffering “might bring us to God”**
- 4. The victory of His suffering “made alive in the Spirit”**

What is the effect for us today?

- Removes the payment and penalty for sin forever
- Takes away the power of sin over us “Sin has no more dominion over us”
- Declares us holy, blameless in the Father’s presence!

#### VI. JESUS POWER OVER \_\_\_\_\_ 9:18 – 26

- Jesus confesses she is not dead but sleeping – 24
- Jesus clears out the room of unbelief – 25
- Jesus raises the girl

**Picture of the power of the resurrection to come!**

- Jesus said “I am the resurrection and the life”
- Resurrection has the power to quicken your mortal bodies Rom. 8:11
- Death has lost its power
- Jesus became a new kind of firstborn “out from among the dead”
- It is God’s deposit for us of all things future:
  - Our resurrection depends on it!
  - Our kingdom rule depends on it!

## CHAPTER 11 – 13

### REBELLION AGAINST THE KING

#### REVIEW THE OUTLINE OF MATTHEW

1. The **Revelation** of the King 1 – 10
2. The **Rebellion** Against the King 11 – 13
3. The **Retirement** of the King 14 – 20
4. The **Rejection** of the King 21 – 27
5. The **Resurrection** of the King 28

Jesus suffered rejection by the nation Israel – this is a section of transition

- The death of John the Baptist was the final step (Like the death of Steven in Acts)

1. His Messenger John was rejected - 11:1 - 19
2. His Works denied 11:20 - 28
3. His Principles were refused 12:1 – 21
4. His Person was attacked 12:22 – 50

#### JESUS EXPLAINS ABOUT JOHN THE \_\_\_\_\_

- Years in prison had taken it's toll on John (even great men doubt)
1. John's Request - "Do we look for Another?" (Another of different kind)
  2. Jesus Reply - "Go shew John again..."
  3. Jesus Recognition of John "Well done thou faithful servant..."
    - John was a man of conviction
    - John was a man of character
    - John was a man of transition

#### JESUS CONDEMNS THE CITIES THAT \_\_\_\_\_

- To whom much is given, much shall be required... Capernaum was his main city
- Where the light shines brightest is the greatest responsibility
- Not everyone will receive us

#### JESUS OPENS THE INVITATION TO \_\_\_\_\_

- Jesus first gives thanks to the Father (Key for difficult times)
- God will bypass the wise in their own eyes and go to the simple childlike hearts
- Jesus burden is light... the religious burden is full of heaviness and bondage

## CHAPTER 12

### CHAPTER OF CONFLICTS

1. Conflict over the \_\_\_\_\_
  - Pharisees had turned joy and jubilation into observance and bondage
  - Turned into a burden not a blessing

The Sabbath was never given to the church!

- a. Their accusation. Jesus and His disciples were not keeping the law
  - b. Jesus answer - David ate the sacred showbread reserved for the priests
- Jesus refers to the law that allowed the priests to work on the Sabbath.
  - Shows God is more interested in the heart than outward observance
  - Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath...

2. Conflict over \_\_\_\_\_

- Jesus was accused of casting out demons by the prince of demons...Satan
- Jesus said their argument was not logical "How can a house divided stand?"
- Jesus said casting out demons was a demonstration of the Kingdom of God
- Jesus said the strongman must first be bound to clean the house
- Jesus warns about the "Unpardonable sin of rejection and coldness of heart"

3. Conflict over \_\_\_\_\_

- They clearly were not asking to see the power of God but to find fault.
- Jesus said only one sign would be given them... the sign of Jonah (Picture of the resurrection)

"One greater than Jonah is here"

- a. Greater in His person (Son of God not just a man)
- b. Greater in His dedication (He was perfectly obedient)
- c. Greater in His message (Salvation not judgment)

Jesus gives the dangers of rebellion against the King.

1. Danger of committing the unpardonable sin
2. Danger of cleaning the house (reformation) without transformation
3. Danger of missing the open invitation "Whosoever will"



## CHAPTER 13

### POWER OF PARABLES

1. Why did Jesus teach in parables?

- **Because the nation was now rejecting**\_\_\_\_\_

“Same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea...”  
This is a picture of the transition of His ministry to the Gentiles.... He now leaves the house of Israel... the “Sea” is a picture of the gentile nations.

- **Because the mysteries (secrets) belong to the children of the** \_\_\_\_\_

“Because it has been given **to you** to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven..”

Revelation multiplies with openness and passion to seek Him.

***God will take away the revelation He gives if you reject His message and He will give it to those that desire intimacy with Him.***

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you.” Matthew 6:33

**7 times** in Revelation Jesus says,.. “He that hath ears to hear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”

2. What was the main theme of the parables?

- **The message of the Kingdom was central to**\_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus is describing how the kingdom would look to the Jews, gentiles and in this

a. To receive the message you must have **a prepared heart**

- Parable of the seed and the sower reveals much about the kingdom message.

b. There are many distractions that try and keep the message of the kingdom from taking root

- Lack of **perception**
- Lack of **persistence**
- Lack of **peace** (worries and wealth block the revelation)

- **Satan would always sow the bad along side the good of the kingdom**
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- a. **Weeds with** \_\_\_\_\_  
Parable of the weeds (People of the evil one)
  - b. The kingdom will always prevail over the bad  
**Parable of the yeast and the flower** "It worked all through the dough"
  - c. Good fish and bad mixed together  
**Parable of the net** (all kinds of fish)
- **The kingdom message has great value to those who** \_\_\_\_\_
- a. It is a hidden treasure that you will sell all you have to possess
  - b. It is a pearl of great price that you will sell all you have to buy
  - c. The owner of this house will store treasures... New and Old!
- **The kingdom message must be released through** \_\_\_\_\_
- a. The people were amazed at His wisdom and miracles      V - 54
  - b. The people were offended at His authority and power      V - 57
  - c. Jesus did not do many miracles because of their unbelief.      V - 58

Practical lessons for us today:

1. Seek the Kingdom with all your heart
2. Be passionate about receiving further revelation about the kingdom
3. Only the final judgment will separate the good from the bad

## CHAPTERS 14

### RETIREMENT OF THE KING

Christ prepares His disciples for what is coming:

1. Before Peter's confession (14:1 – 16:12)
2. Peter's confession (16:13-26)  
Jesus first mention of the crucifixion (16:21 ... from that time)
3. After Peter's confession (17:1 20:34)  
Jesus second mention of the crucifixion (17:22)  
Jesus third mention of the crucifixion (20:17-19)

The key verse of this section is Matthew 16:21 ***“From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.”***

Chapter 14 is a picture of this church age and us the servants of God.

- Three events of Chapter 14:
1. Death of John the Baptist - Persecution (1-12)
  2. Feeding of the 5 thousand – Provision (13-21)
  3. Miracle of the storm - Protection (22-36)

I. \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus said, “In this world you will have persecution, but behold I have overcome the world”

John the Baptist is rejected.. picture of the coming rejection of Jesus.

Herod's represent the evil rulers who hate the people of God

- Herod the Great slew the children at the time of Christ's birth.
- Herod Antipas - son of Herod great and merely the tetrarch ... 1/4 of the kingdom  
He had John killed
- Herod Agrippa” – put in prison and slew James Peter (Acts 12)
- Herod Agrippa II – before whom Paul was tried (Acts 25:13) Great grandson of  
“Herod the Great” All were Edomites (Typify the god of this age & ungodly rulers persecuting God's people)

II Timothy 3:12 ***“Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.”***

Matthew 5:10 ***“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”***

II. \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus retreats into a desert place:

1. To rest after extensive ministry
2. John's death caused Him to distance Himself from Herod's wrath

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### 3. His need to teach the disciples privately about His coming death

Multitudes still followed Him.

- Compassion comes by seeing a need
- Jesus still continues to heal the sick and meet their needs...

PROBLEM: the hour was late and they had not eaten.

- disciples solution "Send them away"
- Jesus solution "They don't need to leave...give them something to eat"

PROBLEM: "We have here only five loaves and two fish"

- Disciples solution – too little too late
- Jesus solution – "Bring them here to me"

Lessons from the feeding of the 5,000

- John 6 tells us that Jesus was testing their faith
- Jesus takes little and multiplies it after breaking it
- Jesus said "Gather up the 12 baskets that remain so that nothing is wasted"

### III. \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus leaves the multitude because they were ready to take Him by force to make Him King. John 6:15 ***"Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone."***

#### 1. Lessons from the storm

- Jesus send the disciples into the storm.
- Jesus went up the mountain to pray (Picture of us, the church, in the storms of life and Jesus interceding for us with the Father)
- Jesus was not recognized (sometimes in the storm we have a hard time making out the presence of God)
- Jesus will manifest Himself to us in the storm "Fear Not" "Do not fear" appears 365 times.

2. Power of the declared word. Peter would not move until Jesus commanded him to "Come" Faith comes by hearing the word of God.....

**Keep your eyes on Jesus and keep walking!**

Picture of this age.... Persecution will come... take the bread of life (Jesus) to the needy world and rest in His provision even in the midst of the storms of life.

## CHAPTER 15

### RETIREMENT OF THE KING

- Goes to regions of Tyre and Sidon... then into Galilee (v – 29) and finally into Magdala
- But an official committee of Pharisees is sent from council of Jerusalem.

#### I. Jesus and the Jewish Leaders (Truth vs. Tradition)

1. Their accusation. Disciples don't wash their hands. (v. 1-2)
2. Jesus reply. It's not what goes in the man that defiles him, but what comes out of his mouth. (v. 3 – 9)
3. Jesus announcement. Openly addresses the entire multitude and declares the Traditions "Null and Void" (v. 10 –11)
  - This was Jesus declaration of war with the Pharisees!
4. Jesus doesn't quote scripture, but uses simple logic (v. 12-20)

#### MAN'S TRADITION

#### GOD'S TRUTH

Outward form brings bondage  
Trifling rules: letter of the law  
Exalt men with pride  
False righteousness  
Impersonal through men

Inward faith brings liberty  
Bible principles: spirit of the law  
Humble men with truth  
True holiness "righteousness of Christ"  
Fellowship with God

#### II. Jesus and the Gentiles

- Jesus now departs into Gentile territory
- Jesus now heals another Gentile and commends her faith - She presumed upon Jesus by calling him the "Son of David" Jewish term so Jesus rebukes her. When she calls him "Lord" He delivers her daughter.
- Jesus is saying... **"You don't become a Christian by becoming a Jew"**

#### DIFFERENCE IN FEEDING 5,000 & 4,000

People were predominately Jews  
Took place in Galilee, Bethsaida  
5 loaves, 2 fish  
12 baskets left over  
In the spring of the year  
Crowd with him one day

People were predominately Gentiles  
Took place in Decapolis (Mk. 8:31)  
7 loaves, "a few fish"  
7 baskets left over  
In the summer  
Crowd with Him 3 days

Lessons: It is dangerous to add tradition to the word of God  
Faith often forgets the former miracles  
God is looking for true righteousness through Christ, not religion

## MATTHEW 16

### PETER'S CONFESSION

Introduction: Continuing in the "retirement of the King". Jesus spends time preparing His disciples for what is coming. Also He retreats from the public ministry after the death of John the Baptist. Jesus now transitions after the "confession of Peter" to open teaching about His crucifixion and Jesus and the disciples start making their way to Jerusalem.

I. Conflict - Christ Tempted by the \_\_\_\_\_ 16:1-5

A. Pharisees and Sadducees ask Jesus for a sign. (they united to tempt Christ)

- They had rejected Jesus signs and miracles "on earth"
- They wanted to see something come from heaven...perhaps fire, or bread like Israel had received from Moses.

B. Jesus describes their spiritual \_\_\_\_\_

1. They could understand the signs in the natural ... sky
2. They were tempting God
3. They were adulterous because they had left the true God for religion

Jesus answers them by saying He is going to the Gentiles – uses Jonah as example. Jonah went to a non-Jewish people Nineveh.

- Jonah is an illustration again of the death, burial and resurrection

II. Confusion - \_\_\_\_\_ of the disciples 16:6-12

A. Disciples were more concerned about the physical (forgetting bread) than the Spiritual condition of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

- Jesus was referring to the leaven of the Pharisees
- Jesus had just fed the 5,000 & 4,000 and the disciples had no faith for their bread

B. Cares of this life can choke out the \_\_\_\_\_ .... Jesus earlier parable.

- Jesus wants us to focus on the spiritual more than the physical
- Jesus wants us to remember the works of God to have present faith

III. Confession - Peter's great confession of \_\_\_\_\_ 16:13-20

A. Confession of the multitudes... your confession of the TRUE Christ is vital to your salvation.

***Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son."*** 1 John 2:22

***"No one can say, Jesus is Lord, but by the Spirit."*** 1 Cor. 12:3

- Some believe that He was a great prophet

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- Some held Him in high esteem as a teacher
- Some thought he was like John the Baptist.

### B. Confession of Peter... from revelation of the Father

The interpretation of this confession have been a battleground for the church for Centuries... we must let the word of God interpret these symbols.

1. Jesus Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_
  - Jesus said so. Matt. 21:42 ***“Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the Scriptures: The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?’”***
  - Peter names Christ as the ROCK. I Cor. 10:4 ***“and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.”***

Jesus said, ***“Thou art petros (a small rock), and on this Petra (Large rock Foundation) I will build my church.”***

2. The KEYS refer to the stewardship of the kingdom. These are not the keys to the church but the KINGDOM. Keys speak of authority and stewardship. Peter used them when he opened the doors of “faith” to the Jews (acts 2) The Samaritans (Acts 8) and the Gentiles (Acts 10).
2. BINDING AND LOOSING applying God’s word to men. Given to all disciples. Amplified is good way to understand ***“I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind (declare to be improper and unlawful) on earth must be what is already bound in heaven; and whatever you loose (declare lawful) on earth must be what is already loosed in heaven.”***

### IV. Correction - Peter the stumbling stone. 16:21-28

- Satan had tried to detour Jesus in the temptation of the wilderness.  
(Old trick of the devil so he uses Peter and now Peter tries)
- Jesus gives true perspective on Kingdom living.

1. Deny self
2. Take up Cross daily
3. Rewards come with Christ’s coming... each according to His own works.

## MATTHEW 17

### THE KING IN GLORY – TRANSFIGURATION

Introduction: Here is the continued story of the “King of Kings”. After Peter’s great confession, Jesus takes the three, Peter, James and John up into a mountain to show them His glory. The glory of the coming kingdom. Jesus has said that they would not die before they saw the kingdom in glory.... this is it! The veil of human flesh was transcended with the glory of heaven. The word “transfiguration” is our word metamorphosis and means “a change from within”. Same word used of us in II Corinthians 3:18 ***“But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed (metamorphosis) into the same image from glory of glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”***

#### I. The King in His \_\_\_\_\_ 17:1-13

- A. The **participants** were 7 Christ, Peter, James, John, Moses, Elijah & God the Father.
- Jesus chose to reveal Himself to the special 3 disciples on three occasions. Home of Jarius, Garden of Gethsemane, and Mount of transfiguration.
- B. The **picture** was of the coming kingdom Peter referred to this in II Peter 1:16 ***“For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we make known to you the power of the Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.”***
- C. The **purpose**. Disciples were trying to figure how the future was going to work out.
- If Jesus was going to die on the cross, how would the coming kingdom be revealed?
  - This was actually a picture of the coming kingdom.
    - Christ glorified!
    - Disciples represents Israel and the Church
    - Moses represents those who died in Christ in the past
    - Elijah represents those who would be rapture while alive
    - Multitudes at the foot of the mountain represented the nations of the world.
- D. The **proclamation**. “Hear ye Him” ... words of the Father
- Jesus is the Father’s last word to men. Hebrews 1:1-3 ***“God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by HIS SON, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.”***
- E. The **perplexity**. Who is Elijah? Jesus said John the Baptist came in the spirit of Elijah.



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Luke 1:17 **“He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”**

### II. The King in His \_\_\_\_\_ 17:14 - 21

- A. Jesus descends off the mountain to the weakness of the disciples unbelief.
- B. Jesus shows symbolically that at His coming Satan’s power is broken and he is cast into hell!  
What steals the power of God and causes unbelief?
  - Christ had clearly given them power of demons Matthew 10:8 **“Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.”**
  - Perhaps jealousy had entered them because they were not invited to the mountain.
  - Some demons have deep strongholds and require extended faith!
  - Could it have been the absence of Jesus and a misunderstanding of His mission?
  - Much of the church today has moved into this kind of unbelief.

### III. The King in His \_\_\_\_\_ 17:22 – 27

What a contrast...the King of Kings in all His glory doesn’t have the money to pay His taxes. He became poor, that we might be made rich II Cor. 8:9 **“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He Became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.”**

- A. The only miracle Jesus performed to meet His own needs. Temple tax was paid by every Jewish male. ( Exodus 30:11 ) Philippians 2 talks about the mind of Christ.
- B. Only recorded in Matthew... Presents Jesus as King so He didn’t need to pay taxes. But in order to not be an offense, He paid them.
  - Complex miracle Lost coin, fish swallowed the coin, Peter caught the fish.  
God’s providence will always align for your needs.
- C. Only miracle using money. This is a picture of the “Price of redemption”
- D. Used to encourage Peter. Many of Jesus miracles were related to Peter. Jesus said, “For Me and thee....” (Peter)
  - healing his mother-in-law
  - saving him at sea

### FINAL NOTES ON MATTHEW 17

- We will recognize each other in heaven .. Moses and Elijah
- Jesus was praying when transfigured... prayer releases heaven on earth.
- Jesus always prepares us for what it to come!
- The coming glory of the kingdom will be amazing!

## MATTHEW 18

### FINAL TEACHINGS ON THE KINGDOM

#### I. Teaching on \_\_\_\_\_ 18: 1 - 14

Jesus example of the Children!

A. The **question**... “who is greatest?”

B. The **lesson** ...children are innocent, teachable & hopeful.

- humble yourself
- receive the children

C. The **warning**... Do not offend children.

- Jesus drastic illustrations.... Hang millstone around your neck, cut off or remove members of your body that offend.
- Don't despise children because their angels are watching!

D. The **parable**... lost sheep.

- Sheep are symbolic of children. Often helpless and innocent.
- His will is that none should be lost!

#### II. Teaching on \_\_\_\_\_ 18:15 -35

How to deal with offenses “**if your brother sins against you.**”

A. Deal with it directly. “**..go and tell him his fault between you and him alone**”.

B. Take two or three witnesses with you.

Binding and loosing has to do with church discipline

Paul “bound” the sinning brother in Corinth I Cor. 5

- Literally bound to Satan for his destruction
- Loosed him when he repented II Cor. 2:7 “**so that on the contrary, you ought rather to forgive and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one be swallowed up with too much sorrow.**”

### JESUS TEACHING THROUGH A STORY OF UNFORGIVENESS

Story of the unforgiving servant

What do we learn from this story?

- We have been forgiven much.. so we should show forgiveness to others
  - Servants debt was approximately \$15,000,000 His servants debt \$15.00
  - This is forgiveness between people.. not us and God.. don't confuse
- When we fail to forgive, we pay the debt with suffering, sickness and separation from the Father's fellowship.
- Jesus was saying that forgiveness comes from the heart... never keeps records!

## CHAPTER 19

### MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

Introduction: Jesus continues to teach on the importance and biblical basis for marriage. In a day where marriage is taken so lightly, we see many choosing divorce and not keeping the covenant of the vows taken. Jesus does however, give the biblical basis for divorce.

#### I. Biblical Reasons for Marriage

- A. To continue the Race. Genesis 1:25 ***“Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth.”***
- B. Companionship and enjoyment. Gen. 2:18 ***“God said, it is not good for man to be alone, I will make a helpmeet for him.”***

#### II. Biblical Reasons for Divorce

Two Schools of Jewish thought:

- Rabbi Hillel said, Duet. 24:1 ... any reason
- Rabbi Shammi said, “marriage can only be broken by adultery”

#### III. Biblical teaching of Jesus about three Biblical laws

##### A. Original Edenic Law

- God joins together for life
- Marriage is stronger than family ties (Man leaves mother and father)
- It is a sacred union (ordained of God)

##### B. Mosaic Law

- Divorce happens because of the “Hardness of man’s heart”
- Bill of divorcement was required to make it more difficult

##### C. Jesus Law

- Only for fornication or adultery
- Wife bound to her husband until death

### RICHES AND SALVATION (CHAPTER 19 - PART 2)

Jesus answers 5 questions about riches and salvation

1. What good thing shall we do? 16 – 17
2. Which commandment shall I keep?
3. What do I lack?
4. Who can be saved?
5. What shall we have?

## CHAPTER 20

### GOODNESS & GREATNESS

(Jesus continues teaching)

Jesus continues His teaching on the great principles of the kingdom of God.

#### I. Jesus illustrates His \_\_\_\_\_ 1:1-16

Jesus gives the parable of the vinedresser

A. Shows His faithfulness to keep His word

- **Again His goodness is not based on our performance!**
- His goodness is found in His nature...
- Man judges with an evil eye. They were not thankful for receiving their wages

B. Shows His kingdom principle that the “Last shall be first”

#### II. Jesus teaches again on His \_\_\_\_\_ 1:17 – 19

- This is the **third time** He shares His heart about His coming crucifixion
- There is no response from them.

#### III. Jesus teaches again on \_\_\_\_\_ 1:20 – 28

- A. A mothers desire... have her sons sit next to Jesus on the right and left
- B. A a true “Kingdom desire” become a **servant**
  - Gentiles rule by Lording over their people
  - Kingdom leaders rule by serving other and putting them first

Jesus uses Himself as an illustration...”Just as the son of man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life a ransom

#### IV. Jesus Heals the \_\_\_\_\_ 1:29 – 33

- A. Jesus teaches us a powerful healing truth. **Release faith by focusing on the need.**
- B. Jesus does this miracles at a time when the disciples need spiritual eyes to see!!

**We need to see with our physical eyes like the blind men saw with their natural eyes!**

## CHAPTER 21 – 26 OVERVIEW

We now move into the “Rejection of the King”. (21 – 27) This chapter begins with the three definite signs to the nation Israel... followed by three parables. These parables grew out of the antagonism of the scribes and Pharisees over the cleansing of the temple.

We now have a series of three’s in chapters 21 – 26

### I. Three \_\_\_\_\_ 21:1 - 22

1. The presentation of the King (Israel’s spiritual blindness)
2. The purifying of the temple (Israel’s inward corruption)
3. The proclamation of curse over the fig tree (Israel’s outward fruitlessness)

### II. Three \_\_\_\_\_ 21:23 – 22:14

1. The two sons (They rejected the Father)
2. The vineyard (They rejected the Son)
3. The wedding (They rejected the Spirit)

### III. Three \_\_\_\_\_ 22:15 – 46

1. Tribute to Caesar (Political question from the Herodians)
2. The resurrection (Doctrinal question from the Saducees)
3. The great commandment (Legal question from the Pharisees)

### IV. Three \_\_\_\_\_ 23:1 – 26:46

1. Condemnation of the Pharisees 23
2. Explanation of the future kingdom 24 – 25
3. Preparation of the disciples for the cross, 26:1 -46

### V. Three \_\_\_\_\_ 26:47 – 27:66

1. Before Caiaphas and the council.
2. Before the council in the morning
3. Before Pilate, leading to Christ’s death

This is a broad sweep of events surrounding the final days of Christ before His crucifixion. Matthew does not record all of the events of the final week... you must compare the 4 gospels to get a full view. Traditional view of crucifixion is that Christ was crucified on Friday...but that would violate some of the basic time-lines. Most likely He was crucified on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> which was the Jewish Passover

## CHAPTER 23

### WOES

Introduction: Matthew 23 is Jesus pity on the Pharisees. He pronounces the woes upon these hypocrites calling them a generation of vipers, after their father the devil. Who were the Pharisees? They were religious zealots that felt they were to protect the letter of the law and claimed to sit "in the seat of Moses". Jesus exposes them in Matthew 23. They were in stark contrast to the character traits of "true Kingdom children" of the Beatitudes.

Their religion was external, not internal, for men and not for God. They bound men with legalism, Jesus sets them free through the Holy Spirit. What are some of the characteristics of Pharisees:

1. Loves titles and public recognition
2. Wore religious garments that demonstrated their outward show (phylacteries were boxes containing scriptures)
3. Were proud and full of hypocrisy

#### 8 Woes in contrast to the 8 beatitudes

##### Beatitudes of Matt. 5

1. Poor in spirit
2. Mourners are comforted
3. Meek inherit the earth
4. Hunger for Christ's righteousness
5. Merciful obtaining mercy
6. Pure in Heart
7. Peacemakers "Children of God"

##### Woes of Matt. 23

1. Proud and insolent (13)
2. Devourers unto damnation (14)
3. Proud are children of hell (15)
4. Filled with self, greed, empty (16-22)
5. Legalistic with no mercy (23 - 24)
6. Outwardly washed, Inward polluted (25 - 28)
7. Murders and persecutors of Devil (29-33)

#### Further exposure.....

"Shut up the kingdom" – Rejected John the Baptist...now Jesus. Hid the scriptures behind legalistic rules.

"Would prey on widows" taking their money under the pretense of using for God.

"Whitened sepulchers" whitewashed the tombs so they would not be infected on the outside but inside full of purifications and dead men's bones

Jesus laments over Jerusalem.... Jesus goes from having called the temple "**His house**" to calling it now "Your house left desolate".... Their temple is now empty of God's presence.

Good news is Israel is going to see their house filled with the glory of the Lord... when Their eyes are opened and they say "**Blessed is He that cometh**". Their Messiah.

## CHAPTER 24

### MOUNT OF OLIVES DISCOURSE

Introduction: This powerful section of Matthew gives us a parallel look at the book of Revelation of what is coming on earth at the “**end of this age**”. We will see the many cross references regarding this with Book of Revelation. These events described in Matthew 24 occur during the 7 year tribulation and show us God’s plan.

#### I. Christ’s coming and the Tribulation

These events parallel those of Book of Revelation. Matthew 24 and Revelation go together!

#### Jesus calls this time “Beginning of \_\_\_\_\_ 4 - 8

| Matthew 24: 4–8         | Revelation 6                    |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. False Christ’s (4-5) | 1. The anti-Christ (Rev. 6:1-2) |
| 2. Wars (6)             | 2. Wars (Rev. 6:3-4)            |
| 3. Famines (7a)         | 3. Famines (Rev. 6:5-6)         |
| 4. Death (7b – 8)       | 4. Death (Rev. 6:7-8)           |

Even though these signs have been around for thousands of years, they will intensify during the tribulation period.

#### Events leading to “The End” 9 - 14

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Martyrs (v 9)                | 1. Martyrs (Rev. 6:9 – 110) |
| 2. World-wide chaos (v 10 -13)  | 2. Chaos (Rev. 6:12 – 17)   |
| 3. World-wide evangelism (v 14) | 3. 144,000 (Rev. 7)         |

Jesus phrase... “Then cometh the end” .....

#### Great Tribulation 15 – 28

|   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1. Abomination of Desolation (v 15)     | 1. Same (Rev. 13)            |
| 2. Warning for Israel to flee (v 16-20) | 2. Warning (Rev. 13)         |
| 3. Tribulation proper (v 21 – 27)       | 3. Tribulation (Rev. 16)     |
| 4. Gathering of nations (v 28)          | 4. Gathering (Rev. 19:17-18) |

#### After the Tribulation

|                                     |                              |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Signs in the heavens (v 29)      | 1. Signs (Rev. 19:11-21)     |
| 2. Coming of Christ in power (v 30) | 2. Coming (Rev. 19:11-21)    |
| 3. Gathering of elect (v 31)        | 3. Gathering (Rev. 19:11-21) |

**II. Christ's coming and the church Matthew 24:45 – 25:30**

**“For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.”** I Thessalonians 5:2,4

Jesus is coming to this world as a “thief”, but to us His bride we will be ready!

**Three exhortations concerning His coming**

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|------------------------------|------------|------------------------|------|
| 1. The Fig Tree              | (v32 – 35) | “Know that it is nigh” | (33) |
| 2. The days of Noah(v 36-42) |            | “Watch therefore”      | (42) |
| 3. The householder           | (v 42-44)  | “Be ready”             | (44) |



## MATTHEW 25

### RETURN OF CHRIST & HIS FINAL PARABLES

Introduction: Jesus finishes His great Olivet Discourse and teaching on “How to be ready for His return” in three parables.

1. **Parable of the wise and foolish household** \_\_\_\_\_ Matt. 24:45- 25:30
  - Church is the household of faith & and those who rule over her.
  - Parable describes the inward preparedness for His return.
2. **Parable of the 10** \_\_\_\_\_ (had separation, illumination, expectation)
  - All 10 were believers
  - All had oil...but 5 ran out.
  - About the bridegroom. Oil is **anointing and intimacy** with the Bridegroom. (you can transfer anointing, teach people ministry, but can't transfer intimacy) ...must go and “buy for yourselves..”
  - Lamps represent ministries (light) that shines in a dark world
3. **Parable of 10** \_\_\_\_\_ Talents represent opportunities
  - Given to each according to their ability to invest
  - Rewarded according to their faithfulness in service
  - Fear causes lack of faith
  - Those with more were given more in abundance.
  - The size of reward is based not on how large, but how faithful on is. (the 5 talents gained 5, the one with 2 gained 2 more....size of ministry or opportunity is not important.) To whom much is given, much is required.

What are the lessons learned from these important last parables of Jesus?

1. God rewards faith and faithfulness
2. Be patient in waiting for His return.....
3. God desires to bless us. Gives us oversight, anointing, wealth
4. If we fail to use what He has given, we will loose what He has given
5. God wants intimacy with His bride.
6. The church has good and bad and will give account at His coming.

Some will actually suffer loss at His coming.

I Corinthians 3:11-15 *“For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is. If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.”* II Corinthians 5:9-10 *“Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”*