

Week beginning Monday 5th October 2020

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Matthew Chapter 24 - with Chapter 25 Teaching on Judgement.

Q1. When will the temple be destroyed? Q2. What is The Sign of Jesus' Coming.

Don't even try to work it all out! But:

What should we be expecting to happen in the world? What should our reaction be?

What are we told about His return? Again what should our reaction be (v42)?

What similarities are there between the people of Noah's day (Gen 6:3) and ours?

Chapter 25 – 3 further Parables on how we should live before the return of The Judge

(No. 1 was 24:45-51 The employee is rewarded/removed depending on his performance)

No. 2 The bridesmaids – 5 are ready and waiting for the groom, 5 are shut out.

No. 3 Three servants. Again a long wait. The unproductive servant is cast out.

No. 4 Judgement day. The disciple who uses his resources to help others is the faithful one.

Q. How does Jesus' teaching apply to us nowadays?

Chapter 26 - This is a long chapter!!

3 reminders that Jesus death is approaching. Who does the reminding?

Lavish love is the only right response when we recognise His love in His death for us.

The Passover meal. We can make our plans, but only the Sovereign God knows our future.

"Yet, not as I will, but as You will" (v. 39) must be the only sensible way forward for us too (?)

Irony – was Jesus leading a rebellion? Doesn't the gospel essentially upend the status quo?

Courtroom drama. 2 men face life/death questioning. Why does Jesus sometimes remain silent?

Chapter 27 - Miscarriage of justice. See 23:23.

Judas & Peter are sorrowful 26:75, 27:3 What & Why are their outcomes different. (2 Cor 7:10)

The innocent is punished, the guilty go free. (2 Cor 5:21) Jesus died in my place too.

Take time to read Psalms 22 & 69. v46 "God forsaking God. No man can understand that" v46

This account of Jesus' death ends with the voice of God – sun, earth, curtains, rocks, tombs...

Whose voice do we take most notice of God's or the mockers? Truth, life, hope, or scepticism?

Chapter 28 - "and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free" Jn 8:32

1) v 6 Did Jesus ever lie? 2) v 9 Did the disciples lie? 1 Cor 15:3-7 3) v13 Did the Jewish leaders lie?

Where was the corpse?

Would it make any difference to our faith if Jesus hadn't risen from the dead?

If Jesus has all power, v18, how can we do anything? See Jn 15:5. : One command, four things to

do v19. : v20 Always (see Mt 1:23).

Does this affect our response to our Superintendent's call for a Circuit Mission Think Tank ?