

REDISCOVERING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW PART 41: MATTHEW 25:14-46

REVIEW

JESUS PREDICTS THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE

JESUS TEACHES ON THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN

JESUS TELLS HIS DISCIPLES NO ONE KNOWS THE DAY OR HOUR

JESUS TELLS HIS DISCIPLES TO KEEP WATCH:

RETURN MIGHT BE <u>UNEXPECTED</u>: (PARABLE OF THE THIEF IN THE NIGHT)

RETURN MIGHT BE <u>SOONER</u> THAN EXPECTED: (PARABLE OF WISE AND FOOLISH MANAGERS)

RETURN MIGHT BE <u>LATER</u> THAN EXPECTED: (PARABLE OF THE 10 VIRGINS)

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KEEPING WATCH IS NOT PASSIVE.

KEEPING WATCH IS NOT FOCUSED ON WHEN THINGS WILL HAPPEN.

KEEPING WATCH IS FOCUSED ON WHAT WE ARE DOING WHILE WE WAIT.

"[READINESS] IS NOT A MATTER OF PASSIVELY 'WAITING,' BUT OF <u>RESPONSIBLE ACTIVITY</u>, PRODUCING RESULTS WHICH THE COMING MASTER CAN SEE AND APPROVE.

THE PERIOD OF WAITING WAS NOT INTENDED TO BE AN EMPTY, MEANINGLESS 'DELAY,' BUT A PERIOD OF OPPORTUNITY TO PUT TO GOOD USE THE 'TALENTS' ENTRUSTED TO HIS [STEWARDS]."

- R. T. FRANCE

"AGAIN, IT WILL BE LIKE A MAN GOING ON A JOURNEY, WHO CALLED HIS SERVANTS AND ENTRUSTED HIS PROPERTY TO THEM. TO ONE HE GAVE FIVE TALENTS OF MONEY, TO ANOTHER TWO TALENTS, AND TO ANOTHER ONE TALENT, EACH ACCORDING TO HIS ABILITY. THEN HE WENT ON HIS JOURNEY.

THE MAN WHO HAD RECEIVED THE FIVE TALENTS WENT AT ONCE AND PUT HIS MONEY TO WORK AND GAINED FIVE MORE. SO ALSO, THE ONE WITH THE TWO TALENTS GAINED TWO MORE. BUT THE MAN WHO HAD RECEIVED THE ONE TALENT WENT OFF, DUG A HOLE IN THE GROUND AND HID HIS MASTER'S MONEY.

"AFTER A LONG TIME THE MASTER OF THOSE SERVANTS RETURNED AND SETTLED ACCOUNTS WITH THEM. THE MAN WHO HAD RECEIVED THE FIVE TALENTS BROUGHT THE OTHER FIVE. 'MASTER,' HE SAID, 'YOU ENTRUSTED ME WITH FIVE TALENTS. SEE, I HAVE GAINED FIVE MORE.'

"HIS MASTER REPLIED, 'WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT! YOU HAVE BEEN FAITHFUL WITH A FEW THINGS; I WILL PUT YOU IN CHARGE OF MANY THINGS. COME AND SHARE YOUR MASTER'S HAPPINESS!'

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"THEN THE MAN WHO HAD RECEIVED THE ONE TALENT CAME. 'MASTER,' HE SAID, 'I KNEW THAT YOU ARE A HARD MAN, HARVESTING WHERE YOU HAVE NOT SOWN AND GATHERING WHERE YOU HAVE NOT SCATTERED SEED. SO I WAS AFRAID AND WENT OUT AND HID YOUR TALENT IN THE GROUND. SEE, HERE IS WHAT BELONGS TO YOU.'

"HIS MASTER REPLIED, 'YOU WICKED, LAZY SERVANT! SO YOU KNEW THAT I HARVEST WHERE I HAVE NOT SOWN AND GATHER WHERE I HAVE NOT SCATTERED SEED? WELL THEN, YOU SHOULD HAVE PUT MY MONEY ON DEPOSIT WITH THE BANKERS, SO THAT WHEN I RETURNED I WOULD HAVE RECEIVED IT BACK WITH INTEREST.

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MATTHEW: 24:43

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"IF THE OWNER OF THE HOUSE HAND KNOWN AT WHAT TIME OF NIGHT THE THIEF WAS COMING, HE WOULD HAVE KEPT WATCH AND WOULD NOT HAVE LET HIS HOUSE BE BROKEN INTO."

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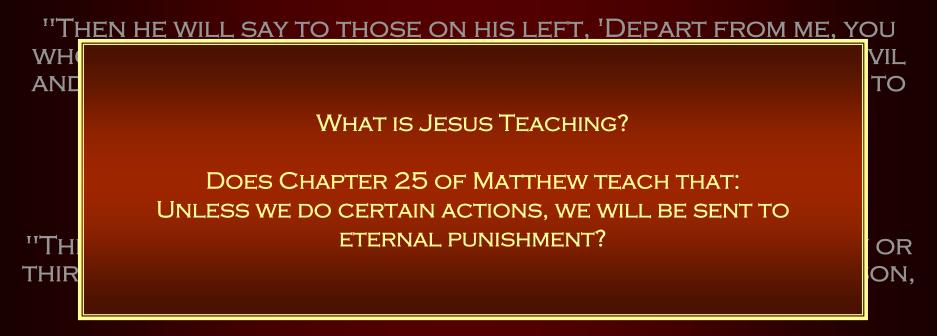
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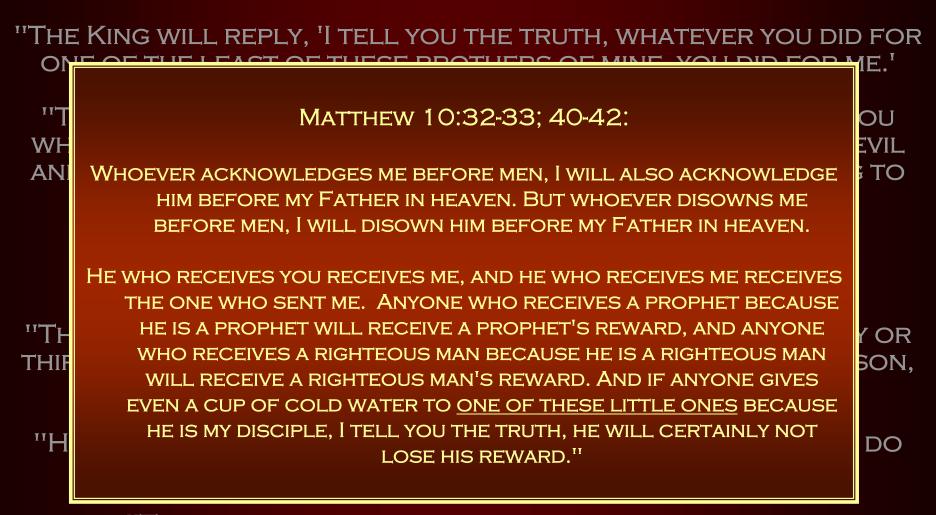
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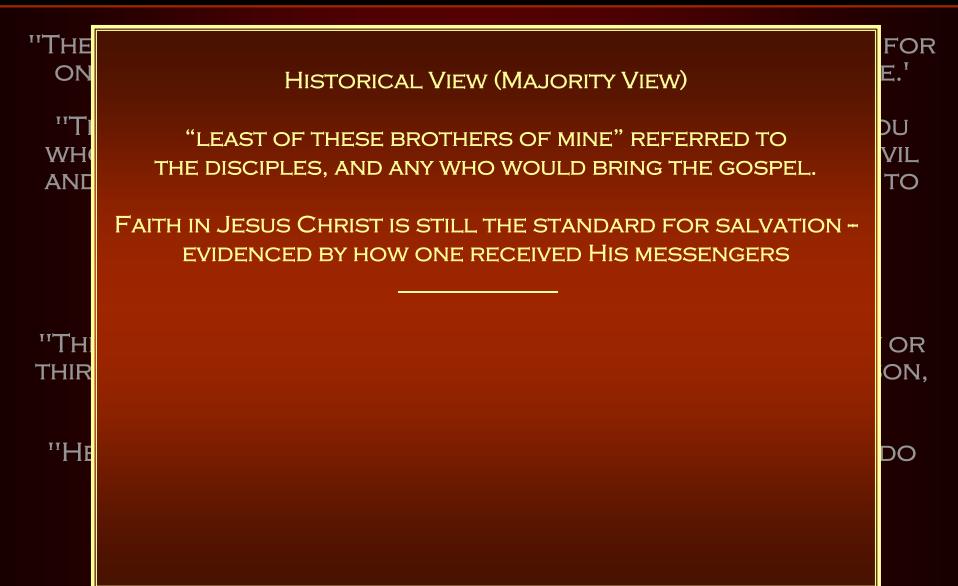


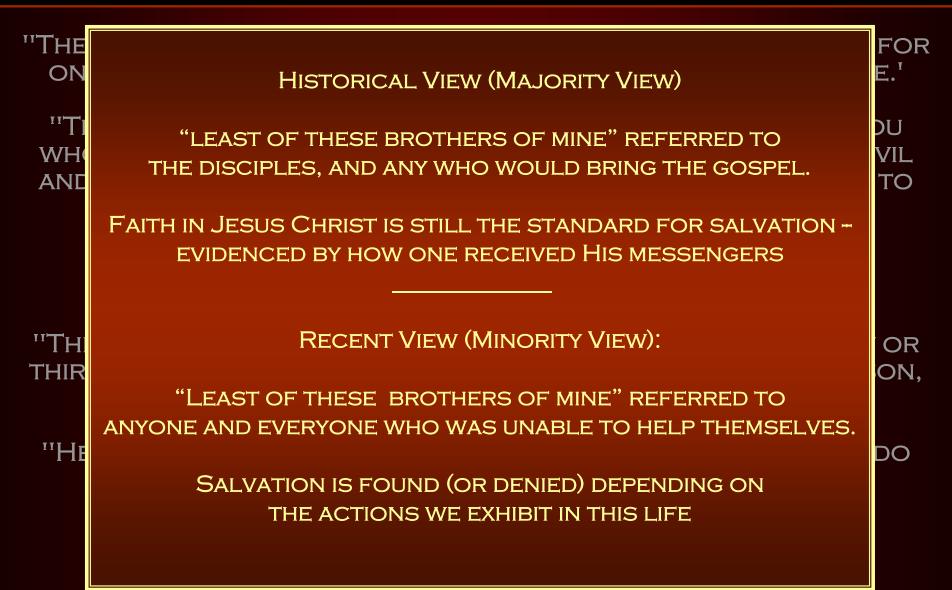
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