

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

1 of the genealogy of Jesus Christ,
2 David, the son of Abraham,
3 Abraham was born Isaac; and to
4 Isaac and to Jacob, Judah and his
5 sons were born Perez and Ze-
6 lophon, Ram;
7 and to Ram was born Amminadab;
8 Amminadab, Nahshon; and to Nah-
9 shon was born Boaz by Ra-
10 thah; and Boaz was born Obed by Ruth;
11 and Obed was born David the king;
12 and David was born Solomon by her
13 name the wife of Uriah;
14 and to Solomon was born Rehoboam;
15 Rehoboam, Abijah; and to Abijah
16 and to Asa was born Jehoshaphat;
17 Jehoshaphat, Azariah; and to Azariah
18 and to Uzziah was born Jotham;
19 Jotham, Ahaz; and to Ahaz, Hezekiah;
20 Hezekiah, Manasseh; and to Manasseh, Amon;
21 and to Amon, Josiah;
22 Josiah, Jechoniah; and to Jechoniah,
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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 UNEXPECTED:

(PARABLE OF THE THIEF IN THE NIGHT)

RETURN MIGHT BE SOONER THAN EXPECTED:

(PARABLE OF WISE AND FOOLISH MANAGERS)

RETURN MIGHT BE LATER THAN EXPECTED:

(PARABLE OF THE 10 VIRGINS)

REVIEW

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 RESPONSIBLE ACTIVITY, 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

MATTHEW CHAPTER 25:14 - 30

"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
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"IF THE OWNER OF THE HOUSE HAD 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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WHAT IS JESUS TEACHING?

DOES CHAPTER 25 OF MATTHEW TEACH THAT:
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MATTHEW 10:32-33; 40-42:

WHOEVER ACKNOWLEDGES ME BEFORE MEN, I WILL ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE HIM BEFORE MY FATHER IN HEAVEN. BUT WHOEVER DISOWNS ME BEFORE MEN, I WILL DISOWN HIM BEFORE MY FATHER IN HEAVEN.

HE WHO RECEIVES YOU RECEIVES ME, AND HE WHO RECEIVES ME RECEIVES THE ONE WHO SENT ME. ANYONE WHO RECEIVES A PROPHET BECAUSE HE IS A PROPHET WILL RECEIVE A PROPHET'S REWARD, AND ANYONE WHO RECEIVES A RIGHTEOUS MAN BECAUSE HE IS A RIGHTEOUS MAN WILL RECEIVE A RIGHTEOUS MAN'S REWARD. AND IF ANYONE GIVES EVEN A CUP OF COLD WATER TO ONE OF THESE LITTLE ONES BECAUSE HE IS MY DISCIPLE, I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, HE WILL CERTAINLY NOT LOSE HIS REWARD."

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RECENT VIEW (MINORITY VIEW):

“LEAST OF THESE BROTHERS OF MINE” REFERRED TO ANYONE AND EVERYONE WHO WAS UNABLE TO HELP THEMSELVES.

SALVATION IS FOUND (OR DENIED) DEPENDING ON THE ACTIONS WE EXHIBIT IN THIS LIFE

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