

Matthew 25 Christian See, Christian Do, pt 2

▼Review/Intro

- It began with a question. Three, actually. 24:3
- Jesus spends some time answering them. Gives them an overview.
- Uses words like know, understand, when you see.
- ▼ This is for those who will be around during these events.
 - The church will be gone, but Jesus' application points still, well, apply. More so, since we don't know when rapture will be.
 - These words are to those who will be around. Be ready, be accountable, be-lieve.
 - Transitions with 24:32-35.

▼24:36 - 25:13 Being Ready

- What does it mean to be ready? It means to be aware, to be prepared, and to act on what you know and have. Emergency preparedness.
- Dealing with the consequences of not being ready. The consequence is always bad. Can't be addressing the church. Addressed to all here at the time.
- What does it mean to be accountable? Live with integrity. Live in such a way that if Jesus checked in with you right now, would He find that you have been using His stuff for His kingdom and not yours? Surprise inspection.

▼24:36-42

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- Day and hour Jewish idiom around new moon events.
- Nature of Jesus. Chose not to express or exercise His God-ness while in the flesh.
- 24:37-39 Be ready. Days of Noah. Rabbit trails? Not the point. Having been warned it was business as usual. Ppl should have expected it, but they didn't. 120 years of warning and preaching. Word would have gotten around.
- 24:40-42 Rapture? Don't think so. Look at context. Judgement. Business as usual. Not sure who the ones being judged are. In light of Noah, I'd say those left.
- 24:43-44 Be ready. Thief.
- 24:45-51 Be ready, be accountable. Doing your job or that of your master?

▼25:1-13 Be ready, be accountable.

- What's the difference between the wise and the foolish? Being aware and prepared, and not.
- They all fell asleep, they all woke up, they all trimmed their wicks. But not all were prepared.

▼25:14-46 Being accountable.

▼25:14-30 What are you doing with what God has given you?

- Don't go crazy with the details of a parable. Like widow and judge.
- If you are His, you are His. Is that reality in your life? Bond-slave.
- He has given you what is His. Whose is it? His.
- What is the center, the hub, of your life? Compartmentalized?

▼25:31-46

- Interesting how both sheep and goats didn't see Jesus in those around them. Image-of-God bearers.
- Who are His brothers? The hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick, prisoners. God has a heart for hurting people. Do you? Do I? It's not about eliminating these things because that will never happen in this life. It's about our hearts.

▼It's about being ready, being/living accountable, and believing. Christian, what should we be doing?

- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
- 2 Peter 3:1-13

● Acts 1:4-11

● Do you believe in Jesus? Does your readiness reflect that? Do your responsibilities reflect that? Does your reality reflect that? Gospel.