

SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

Online Only Via Facebook Live Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm



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Bible Study Schedule Oct – Nov 2021

Date	Study Title	Scriptures
10/13/2021	Built To Last	Eph. 2:11 – 22
10/20 /2021	Everyone's Involved	I Cor. 12
10/27/2021	Everyone's Invited	Philemon
11/3/2021	Community Commissioned	Luke 10:1 – 20
11/10/2021	And They'll Know We Are Christians	John 13:1 – 17; 34 – 35
11/17/2021	Servant's Entrance	Matthew 25:31-46
11/24/2021	Thanksgiving Break	No Study



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This Week's Lesson – November 17, 2021

Christian Community: Being, Knowing, Doing

Lesson 6:

Servant's Entrance

Matthew 25:31 – 46



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Introduction to Mathew 's Gospel

Author: Matthew (Levi) the disciple and former tax collector.

Date of Writing: probably in A.D. 55-65.

Purpose of Writing: Matthew intends to prove to the Jews that Jesus Christ is the promised Messiah.

Practical Application:

- Matthew's Gospel is an excellent introduction to the core teachings of Christianity.
- The logical outline style makes it easy to locate discussions of various topics.
- Matthew demonstrates how Christ fulfills OT prophecies.



The Apostle
Matthew



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What Is “The Olivet Discourse?”

The extended teaching given by Jesus Christ on the Mount of Olives. His subject is the end times. (Matt. 24:1 – 25:46)

- In Matt. 24:2, Jesus told His disciples that the Temple would be destroyed. (fulfilled in A.D. 70).
- On the Mount of Olives, they asked Jesus, “... *when will these things be, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?*”
- In Matt. 24–25 refers to the future, 7-yr tribulation and the 2nd coming of Christ at the end of the tribulation.



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Overview of Matthew 24 – 25



Jesus Prophesies The Destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem



The Disciples Ask Jesus About Future Events on The Mount of Olives



Jesus Gives The Olivet Discourse – Ending with the Sheep and Goats Parable

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Read Matthew 25:31 – 46

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1. What contrast are made throughout this passage?

- **Contrast In Passion/Position:** Sheep On the Right and Goats on The Left.
- **Contrast In Station:** Healed (Sheep) visiting the Sick And, Free (Sheep) visiting those In Prison
- **Contrast In Commendation:** Sheep: The Beloved and Goats: The Accursed.
- **Contrast In Compensation/Destination:** Sheep: God's Kingdom and the Goats: Everlasting Fire.



"...broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life..." Matt. 7:13 – 14 (NKJV)

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2. In Jesus' story, what is the setting (v. 31)?

- This is unmistakably the final judgment of humanity by Christ himself when he returns (v. 31).
- He is the "Son of Man" (v. 31) and "King" (vv. 34, 40) who comes with angels and takes his seat on a throne.



Note: The term "Son of Man" emphasizes his humanity and also his authority - connected to the authoritative figure in Daniel 7:13-14

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3. How are the "sheep and goats" divided (vv. 34 – 36)?

Association:

- The "sheep" (those whom the shepherd recognizes and claims).
- The "goats" (those who are not part of the shepherd's flock and don't belong).

Demonstration:

- The sheep on his right hand represent those who serve him in this life.
- The goats on his left are those who refuse to serve him.



Note: Their destinies are not determined by their works, but their works are determined by their nature as sheep or goats.

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4. What do the services described in verses 35 – 36 have in common?

Acts of Service

Hungry and you gave me food

Thirsty and you gave me drink

Stranger and you took me in

I was sick and you visited me

In prison and you came to me

Commonality of Service

- Focused on active, urgent aid to the helpless.
- Centered on selfless service In Jesus Name.
- Blessed by God for Selfless Service.

Note: Those who are involved in service are being blessed here and now. Yet many Christians miss the blessing of selfless service. Matt. 5 (the Beatitudes),



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5. Why do you think those on the king's right surprised by what he says (vv. 37 – 39)?

- **Unbelievable Surprise:** Not at being told that they acted from love to Christ, but that Christ Himself was the Personal Object of all their deeds.
- **Unimaginable Surprise:** Jesus The Judge in His glory, upon His glory, and all the holy angels are with Him "Ye did all this unto ME."
- **Conceivable Surprise:** Astonishment - To hear such an account of their own actions upon earth from the lips of the Judge?



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6. In this story you may conclude that we must earn salvation through our actions. How do you respond to that interpretation, and why?

Points To Ponder:

- Teaching of salvation by works would be a contradiction of all other New Testament teachings on the subject.
- This passage is a kind of parable and not a systematic doctrinal teaching. Salvation is purely by grace.
- God's true children become involved in his work.
- Those with no involvement in Christ's Work give evidence that they are not part of his family.



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7. In what sense is Jesus hungry, a stranger, in need of clothing, sick and in prison (vv. 40, 45)?

Seeing Jesus In Others:

- Jesus means that if we want to serve God, we must serve people.
- He came to earth to identify with the lowly, and he calls us to do the same.
- It is often only in the midst of service itself that we come to see the face of Christ.

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8. What practical changes can you and your church bring about to make service a higher priority?

- **Know Our Position:** God has gifted everyone. Each believer should know their **“S.H.A.P.E.”**:
 - S** - Spiritual Gifts: What has God gifted me to do?
 - H** – Heart: What do I have a passion for and love to do?
 - A** – Abilities: What natural talents and skills do I have?
 - P** – Personality: Where does my personality best suit me to serve?
 - E** – Experiences: What spiritual, life, ministry, experiences have I had?



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8. What practical changes can you and your church bring about to make service a higher priority?

- **Prayerful Intercession:** Mighty works of the Church do not happen until prayers are offered. Pray for more workers with servant hearts.
- **Consistent Appreciation:** Members that give freely and from a good heart still need to feel appreciated. There are so many ways you can say “Thank you.”



“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” Eph. 2: 10 (NKJV)

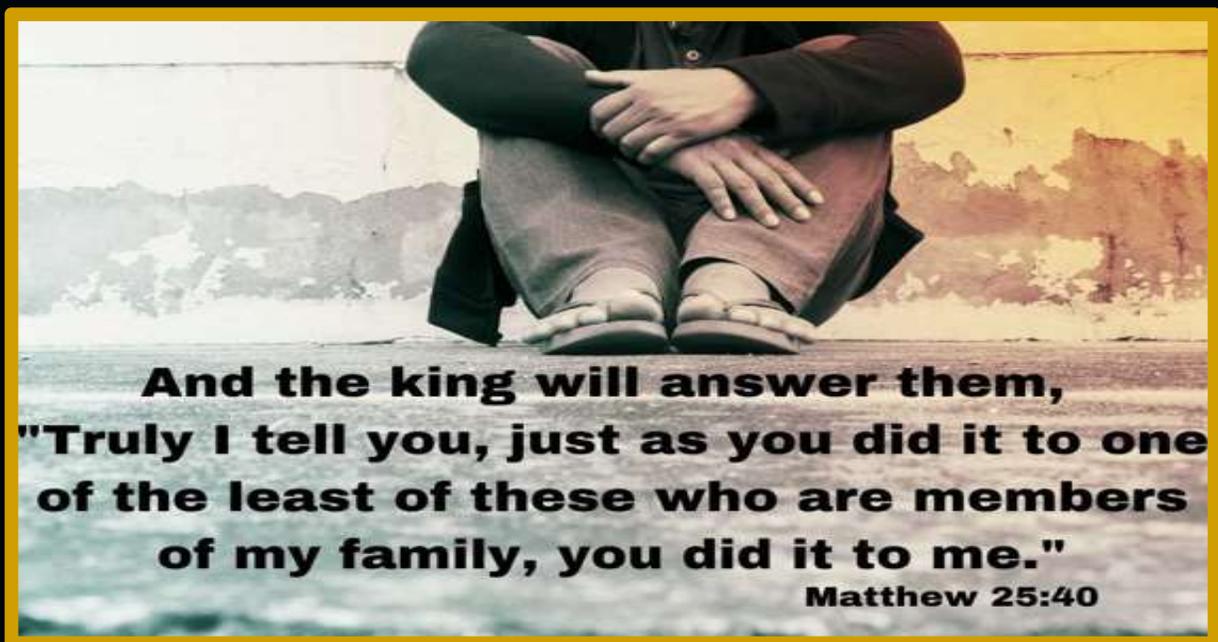
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Keys For Living

- As we serve people around us especially those in need, we become the Hands and Feet of Jesus in the earth.
- While we cannot be saved by works, we are saved by faith in the works of Jesus to do great works His has called us to do.
- Our eternal rewards are directly proportional to how well we serve our church, family, and community in Jesus Name.



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