



Household devotions...

Matthew 22-28: The King proclaimed

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Memory verse:

¹⁸ Then Jesus came near and said to them,
 "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
¹⁹ Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,
 baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and
 of the Holy Spirit,
²⁰ teaching them to observe everything I have commanded
 you.
 And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

Week 1: Matthew 22:23-46**Day 1**

- Read Matthew 22:23-28.
- Who approaches Jesus, and where, and why?

Day 2

- Read Matthew 22:29-33.
- How does Jesus answer, and why?
- What is the response of the crowd?

Day 3

- Read Matthew 22:34-36.
- Who approaches Jesus, and why?

Day 4

- Read Matthew 22:37-40.
- How does Jesus answer the question?
- What does he quote? Why?

Day 5

- Read Matthew 22:41-46.
- Jesus asks a question—what is it, and to whom?
- Their answer is clear—how does Jesus respond?
- What is the result?

Easter Week: Matthew 27:32-28:15

Spend time each day reading through this section—you might do so in big chunks, or small chunks, or even reading the whole section each day! Each time, ponder what we learn of God, what we see revealed of Jesus, how humanity is understood, and the significance of what is taking place. And pray...

Week 9: Matthew 27:1-31**Day 1**

- Read Matthew 27:1-14.
- Where is Jesus taken?
- Why?

Day 2

- Read Matthew 27:1-14.
- What does Judas do?
- Why?
- How does Matthew understand this event?

Day 3

- Read Matthew 27:1-14.
- What happens in the trial before Pilate?
- How is this fulfilment (cf. Is.53:7)

Day 4

- Read Matthew 27:15-31.
- What transaction takes place?
- What is striking about this?
- How is Jesus treated? Why?

Day 5

- Read Matthew 27:1-31.
- Consider the nature of the 'transaction' here, and pray about it.

Week 2: Matthew 23:1-39**Day 1**

- Read Matthew 23:1-7.
- Who is Jesus speaking to?
- Who is Jesus speaking about?
- What does he say? And what does he warn?

Day 2

- Read Matthew 23:8-12.
- In contrast, what does Jesus command, and why?
- What are the 'do not's'?
- What are the 'do's' ?

Day 3

- Read Matthew 23:13-24.
- What is Jesus' repeated refrain?
- What does he expose about the 'scribes and Pharisees'?

Day 4

- Read Matthew 23:25-36.
- What is Jesus' repeated refrain?
- What does he expose about the 'scribes and Pharisees'?

Day 5

- Read Matthew 23:37-39.
- What is Jesus' lament?
- What is Jesus' desire?

Week 3: Matthew 24:1-51**Day 1**

- Read Matthew 24:1-8.
- What do the disciples assert? And what does Jesus state?
- What do the disciples want? And what does Jesus state?

Day 2

- Read Matthew 24:9-31.
- What will happen in the last days, and what must happen?
- How do verses 15-31 fit with verses 9-14?

Day 3

- Read Matthew 24:32-35.
- What image does Jesus expound?
- What is he teaching?

Day 4

- Read Matthew 24:36-44.
- What does Jesus teach about the timing of the coming of the Son of Man?
- How does this fit with verses 32-35?
- What does Jesus command?

Day 5

- Read Matthew 24:45-51.
- How does this expand on verses 36-44?
- What must God's mob be?

Week 8: Matthew 26:57-75**Day 1**

- Read Matthew 26:57-68.
- Where is Jesus taken?
- Who is following?

Day 2

- Read Matthew 26:57-68.
- What is the nature of the trial?
- How does Jesus conduct himself?
- What does he say—and what does this mean?

Day 3

- Read Matthew 26:57-68.
- What is the 'conviction' of Jesus for?
- And how is he treated?

Day 4

- Read Matthew 26:69-75.
- Who does Matthew turn to now?
- What does he do?
- How does he respond?

Day 5

- Read Matthew 26:57-75.
- Pray about 'denial', and pray about 'weeping bitterly'.

Week 7: Matthew 26:36-56**Day 1**

- Read Matthew 26:36-46.
- Where have Jesus and his disciples gone? (cf. 26:30)
- What is Jesus going to do?
- And what does he ask the disciples to do?

Day 2

- Read Matthew 26:36-46.
- What does Jesus pray?
- How do the disciples go at the job Jesus has set them?
- How many times does this happen?

Day 3

- Read Matthew 26:36-46.
- How does this poignant moment end?
- How is this a fulfilment? (cf. 17:22)

Day 4

- Read Matthew 26:47-56.
- How would you describe the events of Jesus' arrest?
- What is Jesus' repeated concern during his arrest?

Day 5

- Read Matthew 26:36-46.
- Spend time praying about 'falling asleep', and spend time pondering 'fulfilment'.

Week 4: Matthew 25:1-30**Day 1**

- Read Matthew 25:1-13.
- Who is Jesus talking to? (cf. 24:3-4)
- What is this parable about?
- What is the punchline?

Day 2

- Read Matthew 25:14-30.
- How does Jesus begin—what does this tell you?
- What is the punchline for this parable?
- What do you find confusing about this parable? Why?

Day 3

- Read Matthew 25:1-13.
- How might you apply the punchline in your life?

Day 4

- Read Matthew 25:14-30.
- How might you apply the punchline in your life?

Day 5

- Read Matthew 25:1-30.
- Pray through the applications of the previous two days.

Week 5: Matthew 25:31-46**Day 1**

- Read Matthew 25:31-46.
- What is the scene?
- Who is gathered?

Day 2

- Read Matthew 25:31-46.
- Who is judging?
- What is his initial decision/division?

Day 3

- Read Matthew 25:31-46.
- What does he say to those on his right (the sheep)?
- Why?
- How do they respond, and what is his reassurance?

Day 4

- Read Matthew 25:31-46.
- What does he say to those on his left (the goats)?
- Why?
- How do they respond and what is his confirmation?

Day 5

- Read Matthew 25:31-46.
- How do you think you can apply this parable to your life?

Week 6: Matthew 26:1-35**Day 1**

- Read Matthew 26:1-16.
- What does Jesus say? Why?
- What does Judas do?

Day 2

- Read Matthew 26:1-16.
- Where is Jesus in Bethany?
- What is done to him?
- What is the response?
- What is Jesus' rebuke?
- What does Judas do? Why?

Day 3

- Read Matthew 26:17-25.
- What is organized?
- What does Jesus reveal at the meal?

Day 4

- Read Matthew 26:26-30.
- What does Jesus do during the meal?
- What does this establish?

Day 5

- Read Matthew 26:31-35.
- What does Jesus reveal?
- Why?
- What is the response?