

# THE LIFE OF CHRIST

## LESSON 10: MATTHEW 25



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# REVIEW

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- Tension between the ruling Jews and Jesus continued to grow higher
- Jesus was in Jerusalem to be betrayed, crucified, and then resurrected (last week)
- Jesus had explicitly condemned the scribes and Pharisees for their hypocrisy
- Jesus had prophesied about the ultimate destruction of Jerusalem (be alert)

# TODAY'S KEY TAKEAWAYS

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- We must actively prepare ourselves in order to enter into the kingdom of heaven
- We are expected to use what we have been given by God to our fullest abilities for God
- We will be judged according to how we have treated others (and, in turn, Jesus)
- Final judgment will ultimately come to us; the result will be eternal life or punishment

# MATTHEW 25:1-13

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- The kingdom of heaven like ten virgins...
  - The bridegroom came later than they expected he would; the wise were prepared
  - The foolish hoped to take from the wise
  - The bridegroom came while the foolish were buying more oil
- **We must always be prepared for the return of Jesus; he may come at any time**

# MATTHEW 25:14-30

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- The kingdom of heaven like...talents...
  - Possessions were from the master
  - Responsibility given was according to ability
  - Servants expected to use the possessions for the ultimate benefit of the master
  - Judged based on responsibility given
- **God will judge us based on how we use God's blessings for God to our best abilities**

# MATTHEW 25:31-46

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- When the Son of Man comes...all nations will be gathered before him...
- The righteous were put on his right; the wicked were put on his left
- **People will be judged based on how they had treated others (in turn, Jesus)**
- **The final result of the judgment will be eternal life or eternal punishment**

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