

## Might Have Been Sold for Much

### **Matthew 25:31 – 26:22**

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~ Our Spiritual Safari spent a very long time on the Mount of Olives listening to Jesus teach us the Olivet Discourse; which began when the apostles asked Him: what is the end of the age and what is the sign of it? If you are just joining this expedition through the entire Word of God then I suggest you go back and read all thirty-five of our reports in Matthew, fifty-three reports from Genesis and eight Guideline studies. These chapters are growing longer and longer now. Chapter twenty-six has seventy-five verses. It is absolutely critical to examine this section of Scripture slowly and completely, too. So, put those two together and you have for some long, drawn-out reports. Understanding what we have here is absolutely fundamental to the historical books of the Bible, the prophetic books, the poetry books – all of them. What you believe about this part of the Bible affects your overall theology, basic thinking and reasoning abilities, emotions, reactions to adverse people and situations and your overall philosophy of life. The Lord Jesus is going to speak directly to our hearts now.

In these first two books in our safari – Genesis and Matthew – we have bore down very hard on almost all topics; but when our movement through Matthew turns into a movement through Exodus – and then Mark, we will begin bearing down so hard that our pencil leads may just snap. The Bible is that important, friends; at least, it is to me. That’s how much it should mean in your life, too – if you call yourself a Christian. Any genuine child of God wants to hear their Father’s instruction and correction. If the Word of God does not come first in your life, there is something radically wrong in your walk with the Lord Jesus Christ. All Scripture is given to us by inspiration and taught to us by the Holy Spirit of God Himself; and the bible is the only place God is speaking to mankind today, too, by the way.

I always say the number one problem in the church is a total and complete ignorance of the Word of God – and it is; but, see, I don’t just mean certain chapters and certain verses – I mean the WHOLE THING! The church –

believers – true and honestly saved Christians – they just don't know the Bible today, friends. There are sixty-six books in this catalogue and we have spent FIVE months in Matthew alone. You do the math; this is a free, doctorate level Bible degree; if you dare learn it properly, completely and correctly. This report picks up where Jesus has given the answer to the question about the end of the age and what the signs of it would be. I think most people in the church today who are only interested in prophecy are not saved. The second coming of Christ seems to be all they ever talk about. These church members pick up certain doctrine and a particular truth here and there but the Bible is still a huge unsolved jigsaw puzzle to them – with many missing pieces; translation: the Bible is meaningless in their life!

In our last report, Matthew told us about a servant who was given a talent and he buried it. The servant was not faithful to his Master. Now, Jesus isn't going to care one bit how MUCH we turned that talent into - as long as we turned it into something for Him! The important thing is: have you been faithful with what you have? The most important thing we can do in life is to find out what God wants us to do for Him. Discovering God's plan for your life can only come from a proper, correct and complete understanding of Holy Writ. The most defeating event that can happen is for a Christian to feel they don't have a big enough work; and an ignorance of the Bible will always lead to that feeling.

Now, as we pick up where we left off in the last report we see God will make Himself known to man and available to man during the Great Tribulation period. This Gospel that Jesus is teaching will be preached amongst all nations; that He died for the sins of the world and was raised for our justification. Some people will reject Christ's servant and thereby they will reject Christ; that was the picture we ended our last report with. I have already acknowledged there will be disagreement with my interpretation. MOST people are going to disagree with me – I already know that. However, if you want to be correct, complete and thorough in the Word of God, friends, you're just going to have to agree with me! We have moved through the Book of Matthew and have come to the consummation of the Lord Jesus Christ preparing to take His place on the Throne over the world in which you and I live! This is the polarization of the

Olivet Discourse and it is the overall message of the Book of Matthew; or, may I say – of the entire Word of God....

## XXV

***31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:***

***32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:***

~ Although it says, “...all nation’s” here – most people seem to read “individuals” – so, okay if you want to cross that application, because nations are equally as responsible to Him as the individual is; as in, The United States or Russia or China or North Korea or Israel - or any other civilization. The word we have in the original would mean “...ethnic group.” Either way, together and separately, all will be responsible. Friends, that should send alarm bells off in your neighborhood because, collectively, you will take part in their judgment. Don’t ask me how this happens or what it looks like – because I don’t know. What I do know is that it happens this way – because the Bible says so....

***33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.***

~ Now, read very carefully here: humans are never called goats but they are called sheep in the Bible. There are lost sheep and saved sheep – no other kind. All we like sheep have gone astray is what the Word of God says. Some people are LIKE goats and some are like a whole lot of other animals, too; but we don’t have any further descriptive information in the Word of God about them. God does not keep goats; so, the only intelligent hypothesis here is that we are talking about nations – not individuals....

***34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:***

**35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:**

**36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.**

**37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?**

**38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?**

**39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?**

**40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.**

~ We are talking about one hundred forty-four thousand that are sealed at the beginning of the Great Tribulation period. These people will go out over the entire world bringing the Gospel that the Lord Jesus is telling them about in His answer here in the Olivet Discourse to the apostles about their questions; which are: what is the end of the age and what are the signs of it? The Gospel is that Christ died for our sins and He will be returning to establish His Kingdom. Most nations will continue to reject Him; although antichrist has been cast into outer darkness at that point. Anyone offering but a cup of cold water will be risking their lives. That is NOT our reality today. A particular government may not let you preach - but they will let you drink water. IN THAT DAY, taking a stand for Christ will actually have meaning. We are talking about an acceptance or a rejection of the Lord Jesus Christ and nothing else. See, if you gave a cup of water to His messengers that were bringing the Word of God IN THAT DAY, you will have done something for Him! Today, if that's all you do for the Lord, you should be ashamed. Further, when we despise His messengers and do not help them, then we are rejecting Him....

***41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:***

***42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:***

***43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.***

***44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?***

***45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.***

***46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.***

## **XXVI**

***1 And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished the Olivet Discourse, he said unto his disciples,***

***2 Ye know that after two days is the feast of the Passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified.***

***3 Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas,***

***4 And consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill him.***

***5 But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar among the people.***

~ The sun is going down now over the Mount of Olives; and we are going to the final events before the cross. This is a very long chapter which records several of the last movements of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus has answered their questions and now He tells them again about the crucifixion. Verse two marked the sixth time He has said He is going to Jerusalem to die. Since they left Philippi, where He began His ministry, the Lord Jesus has told these apostles about once per month about His impending death at Jerusalem at the hands of these religious rulers. Now, for the first time, He puts a time on it! The Pharisees say, "....not on the feast day." Well, guess what day the crucifixion will happen on? See, it's Christ that sets the time – not the enemy. The Lord Jesus Christ is in command, friends – of everything - He's our king and when He seems his absolute weakest; that is when we'll find Him completely in charge! It is a bitter hatred of the truth that has led the religious rulers to plot His murder. They simply wanted to do things their own way, friends....

***6 Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper,***

***7 There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat at meat.***

***8 But when his disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste?***

~ Here we have a blinding ray of light. Jesus healed Simon so that Simon could sit down and have fellowship with Him and with those who are His children. The enemy today doesn't know the Lord Jesus. The enemy knows who He is - but they don't know Him. Staunch church players here have no clue what they talk about incessantly. They don't read the Bible in prayer but they sure will take your money! I have heard of an upper room play – in Hollywood – where they were all homosexual. Yes, Jesus is blasphemed of in the worse manner possible today. Of course they don't know Christ and they won't accept your answers because they don't WANT to know their lives are perverted and sinful. We have a flock of spiritual lepers running around everywhere infecting everyone with spiritual leprosy. When we become cleaned up by Christ we can sit down and eat with Him in fellowship. John will tell us this woman with the alabaster box was married;

and she anointed both His head and His feet. We will also find out it was Judas that led the indignation in verse eight....

***9 For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor.***

~ Alright, let's get out the extra-potent medicine. Read this entire section very carefully - and read it again if you have to. I see a lot of organizations that are supposedly helping the poor; but let's just focus on OUR failing country for a moment. In Washington, our legislatures are billionaires and beyond. The richer they are the bigger program for poverty they espouse. They are always and forevermore going to do something for the poor. Well, perhaps sometimes they do; but they don't do it with their money - they fund the poverty program only with YOUR money! The little they do from their personal pockets is shameful compared to their net worth. The widow put in two mites; well, these people do less than that! See, I just don't care for that type of hypocrisy, personally. I'm not impressed with any charitable organization. Even with all of these programs we have today they do not provide enough to live on for the disabled, sick and elderly; yes, we have problems – big, big, problems, my friends – and they are a direct result of our wholesale abandonment of the Word of God.

Both the people protesting the government today, and even the government itself, are unimpressive and, frankly, ridiculous; right up to the presidents of the country's we are talking about here. They don't accomplish much in terms of legislating - and they don't do ANYTHING to get out the Word of God today! That's what we need to bring blessings to a nation, my friends. Imagine wasting something on the Lord Jesus in such a frivolous manner as this woman did. I don't wonder anymore about how they don't care about the poor; I just accept that they don't. Well, no one should give anything or do anything that does not glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. We're sailing high tonight in this safari. If you say you trust Christ you had better be praying about how you can do MORE for the glory of God....

***10 When Jesus understood it, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me.***

**11 For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always.**

**12 For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial.**

**13 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.**

~ We sure don't hear that anymore, friends – not EVER. When Mary broke this box and poured out the oil in the home of a healed leper in Bethany, that was the light and peace of friendship with Christ at that moment. Jerusalem was a place of hatred and that's why Jesus never stayed there – Jesus stayed in Bethany until He was arrested. Jesus fellowshiped that night with those who loved Him and those who wanted to give Him everything they had. You can have Christ if you want Him but He says you come to Him on His terms or you do not come. The church likes to talk about the apostolic succession; I prefer the succession of merit.

Meanwhile, the apostles are still missing the point of this. Mary is the only person who entered into His death with Him before He died. She stood on the fringe and gave it all while He yet lived! Any one of the apostles could have done the same thing – but they didn't. Mary just wanted to let Him know she loved Him! Wild interpretations abound here so be very careful. Anyone bringing the oil after the crucifixion never got one drop on the body of the Lord Jesus; so, be super duper careful when commenting, friend. Jesus was gone – He wasn't even in the tomb when they arrived. Perhaps it's time for you to break your little box of ointment and enter into His death with Him today? The outside world does not know the Lord Jesus Christ. Those of us who do know Him properly, completely and correctly need to be very careful who we break our oil out with. I just do not see God getting the glory today at all – whatsoever – period – from ANYONE! ~

**14 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests,**



**15 And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.**

**16 And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.**

**17 Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the Passover?**

**18 And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at thy house with my disciples.**

**19 And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the Passover.**

**20 Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve.**

**21 And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.**

**22 And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I?**

~ From light to dark; Dante gave Judas and Brutus the lowest possible place in the inferno. Of course, they did the lowest and basest thing imaginable. Betrayal of those who you should be loyal to is the worst human error imaginable. So, the apostles are now in the upper room where they will partake of the Lord's Supper; and they think, "...is it me?" – because every one of them knew they were perfectly capable of betraying Christ. Have you discovered that about yourself in the mirror of the Bible? You and I are just that mean and low – if you'll be honest with yourself. Some of you say, "...I would never..." - are you sure about that? Right now, friends, you ought to cry out to Him for mercy! Mercy! The heart is desperately wicked, saith the Lord. If you think we have seen some ugly things from Satan on our Spiritual Safari so far; just wait until we get into the Garden of Gethsemane ~

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