

The Gospels Series: Be Prepared

Speaker: Missy Carfield

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Scripture: Matthew 24:36-44; Matthew 25:31-46 (with Philippians 2 and John 17)

SUMMARY

From Matthew 24-25, Missy Carfield explains Jesus' call to be ready for His return: stay awake, and serve Him by serving "the least of these."

OVERVIEW

Near the end of Matthew, in Jesus' final days before the cross, He talks about the end of the age with some of the most intense word pictures in Scripture. Missy Carfield walks us through His call to be ready.

Jesus is coming back in glory, and readiness shows up in how we treat "the least of these" now.

KEY POINTS

- *Like the days of Noah.** People kept marrying and going about daily life while Noah built the ark. Jesus' return will come when people are not paying attention, so stay awake.
- *The King in His glory.** Jesus laid aside His glory when He came the first time (Philippians 2; John 17). When He returns, He will sit on His glorious throne with all His angels and separate the sheep from the goats (Matthew 25:31-33). Both groups are surprised, because this isn't about a list of works to earn a verdict.
- *Faithfulness in the ordinary.** "Whatever you did for one of the least of these... you did for me." It can feel easier to give away everything on a mission trip than to live generously at home, but readiness means living openhanded here, holding lightly what won't last, and looking forward to the day He says, "Come, take your inheritance."

MEMORABLE LINES

None pulled yet from the transcript.

TAKEAWAY

Live ready. Serve Jesus this week by serving the hungry, the stranger, and the overlooked around you.

SOURCE

- Whisper (base.en) transcript of the Subsplash service audio. The last several minutes of the transcript were unusable.
- Confidence note from audit: Medium
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AA7zXzMNBV0>
- Website: <https://www.baypointchurch.com/media/fngsmt4/the-gospels-series-be-prepared>