

Advent Conspiracy Series

"Love All"

Matthew 25:31-40/Luke 4:14-31

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Matthew 25:31-40

³¹ *"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.*

³⁴ *"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'*

³⁷ *"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'*

⁴⁰ *“The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’*

Luke 4: 18-21

¹⁸ *“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to preach good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to release the oppressed,
¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”*

²⁰ *Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, ²¹ and he began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”*

Jesus gave three purposes for which He came.

- *Release those in bondage!*

2 Timothy 2:26; [Satan has trapped many and] *“taken them captive to do his will.”*

- *Recover the Blind!*

2 Corinthians 4:4; *“The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”*

- *Restore the Broken!*

Luke 4:18; Psalm 147:3: *“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.”*

Matthew 25:32-33

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The key question is this: **What matters when it comes to entering the Kingdom of God?**

1. Jesus identifies with the downcast, the poor, the hurting.

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tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'[Matt. 25:35-40]

2. Caring for the poor and needy does not ensure our salvation, but it does give evidence of it.

[Matt. 25:34: *"...you who are blessed by my Father."*]

3. The things that really matter to Jesus are often the things we can't even remember. [Matt. 25:37-39: *"Lord, when did we see you hungry...or thirsty...a stranger...or needing clothes...sick or in prison...?"*]