

Session 28—The Second Coming and The Judgment

The Parable of the Fig Tree

Matthew 24	Mark 13	Luke 21
<p>32 <i>“Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near;</i></p> <p>33 <i>so, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, right at the door.</i></p> <p>34 <i>“Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.</i></p> <p>35 <i>“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.</i></p>	<p>28 <i>“Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.</i></p> <p>29 <i>“Even so, you too, when you see these things happening, recognize that He is near, right at the door.</i></p> <p>30 <i>“Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.</i></p> <p>31 <i>“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.</i></p>	<p>29 <i>Then He told them a parable: “Behold the fig tree and all the trees;</i></p> <p>30 <i>as soon as they put forth leaves and you see it for yourselves, know that summer is now near.</i></p> <p>31 <i>“So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near.</i></p> <p>32 <i>“Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all things take place.</i></p> <p>33 <i>“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.</i></p>

1. How does observing the seasons alert us to the return of Jesus?
2. How confident are you that the Word of God is infallible and eternal?

Watch for His Coming

Matthew 24	Mark 13:32-37	Luke
<p>36 <i>“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.</i></p> <p>37 <i>“For just as the days of Noah were, so the coming of the Son of Man will be.</i></p> <p>38 <i>“For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking,</i></p>	<p>32 <i>“But of that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.</i></p> <p>33 <i>“See to it, keep on the alert; for you do not know when the</i></p>	<p>Luke 17:26-37</p> <p>26 <i>“And just as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man:</i></p> <p>27 <i>they were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage, until the day that Noah</i></p>

<p><i>marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.</i></p> <p>40 <i>“Then there will be two in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left.</i></p> <p>41 <i>“Two women will be grinding grain at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left.</i></p> <p>42 <i>“Therefore stay awake, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.</i></p> <p>43 <i>“But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed his house to be broken into.</i></p> <p>44 <i>“For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will.”</i></p> <p>Matthew 25:13</p> <p>13 <i>“Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know the day nor the hour.”</i></p>	<p><i>appointed time will come.</i></p> <p>34 <i>“It is like a man away on a journey, who, leaving his house and giving authority to his slaves—each one his task, also commanded the doorkeeper to stay awake.</i></p> <p>35 <i>“Therefore, stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house is coming, whether in the evening, at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—</i></p> <p>36 <i>lest he come suddenly and find you sleeping.</i></p> <p>37 <i>“And what I say to you I say to all, ‘Stay awake!’”</i></p>	<p><i>entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.</i></p> <p>28 <i>“It was the same as in the days of Lot—they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building;</i></p> <p>29 <i>but on the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.</i></p> <p>30 <i>“It will be just the same on the day that the Son of Man is revealed.</i></p> <p>31 <i>“On that day, the one who is on the housetop and whose goods are in the house must not go down to take them out, and likewise the one who is in the field must not turn back.</i></p> <p>32 <i>“Remember Lot’s wife.</i></p> <p>33 <i>“Whoever seeks to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.</i></p> <p>34 <i>“I tell you, on that night there will be two in one bed; one will be taken and the other will be left.</i></p> <p>35 <i>“There will be two women grinding grain at the same place; one will be taken and the other will be left.</i></p> <p>36 <i>["Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other will be left."]</i></p> <p>37 <i>And answering they said to Him, “Where, Lord?” And He said to them, “Where the body is, there also the vultures will be gathered.”</i></p>
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1. Why do you think Jesus revealed that no one except God the Father knew when the *end* would come?
2. What does “*stay awake*” mean to you?
3. How are you affected when you hear that friends and families may be separated at the *end*?
4. How can you try to keep your life and lose it, but lose your life and yet keep it?

Be On Guard

Luke 21:34-38
<p>34 <i>“But be on guard, so that your hearts will not be overcome with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of life, and that day will not come on you suddenly like a trap;</i></p> <p>35 <i>for it will come upon all those who inhabit the face of all the earth.</i></p> <p>36 <i>“But keep on the alert at all times, praying earnestly that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”</i></p> <p>37 <i>Now during the day He was teaching in the temple, but during the night He would go out and spend it on the mount called “of Olives.”</i></p> <p>38 <i>And all the people would get up early in the morning to come to Him in the temple to listen to Him.</i></p>

1. How do you guard your heart?
2. How do you keep alert at all times?

The Faithful and Wise Slave

Matthew 24:45-51	Luke 12:42-48
<p>43 <i>“But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed his house to be broken into.</i></p> <p>44 <i>“For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will.</i></p> <p>45 <i>“Who then is the faithful and prudent slave whom his master put in</i></p>	<p>42 <i>And the Lord said, “Who then is the faithful and prudent steward, whom his master will put in charge of his servants, to give them their rations at the proper time?”</i></p>

<p><i>charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time?</i></p> <p><i>46 "Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes.</i></p> <p><i>47 "Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions.</i></p> <p><i>48 "But if that evil slave says in his heart, 'My master is not coming for a long time,'</i></p> <p><i>49 and begins to beat his fellow slaves and eat and drink with drunkards;</i></p> <p><i>50 the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour which he does not know,</i></p> <p><i>51 and will cut him in pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth</i></p>	<p><i>43 "Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes.</i></p> <p><i>44 " Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions.</i></p> <p><i>45 "But if that slave says in his heart, 'My master will be a long time in coming,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk,</i></p> <p><i>46 the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and assign him a place with the unbelievers.</i></p> <p><i>47 "And that slave who knew his master's will and did not get ready or act in accord with his will, will receive many beatings,</i></p> <p><i>48 but the one who did not know it, and committed deeds worthy of a beating, will receive but a few. From everyone who has been given much, much will be required, and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more."</i></p>
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1. How does a "faithful and prudent servant" of the Master live?
2. Based on what you have been given, how much could be required from you?

The Parable of the Ten Virgins

Matthew 25:1-13	Mark 13
<p><i>1 "Then the kingdom of heaven may be compared to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.</i></p> <p><i>2 "Now five of them were foolish, and five were prudent.</i></p> <p><i>3 "For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them,</i></p> <p><i>4 but the prudent took oil in flasks along with their lamps.</i></p> <p><i>5 "Now while the bridegroom was delaying, they all got drowsy and began to sleep.</i></p>	

<p>6 <i>“But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’</i></p> <p>7 <i>“Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps.</i></p> <p>8 <i>“And the foolish said to the prudent, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’</i></p> <p>9 <i>“But the prudent answered, saying, ‘No, there will not be enough for us and you too; go instead to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’</i></p> <p>10 <i>“And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut.</i></p> <p>11 <i>“And later the other virgins also came, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open up for us.’</i></p> <p>12 <i>“But he answered and said, ‘Truly I say to you, I do not know you.’</i></p> <p>13 <i>“Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know the day nor the hour.</i></p>	<p>33 <i>“See to it, keep on the alert; for you do not know when the appointed time will come.”</i></p>
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1. Would you describe yourself as “prudent” or “foolish?”

The Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25	Luke 19
<p>14 <i>“For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and handed over his possessions to them.</i></p> <p>15 <i>“And to one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey.</i></p> <p>16 <i>“Immediately the one who had received the five talents went and traded with them and gained five more talents.</i></p> <p>17 <i>“In the same manner the one who had received the two talents gained two more.</i></p> <p>18 <i>“But he who received the one talent went away and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.</i></p>	<p>11 <i>Now while they were listening to these things, Jesus went on to tell a parable, because He was near Jerusalem, and they thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear immediately.</i></p> <p>12 <i>So He said, “A nobleman went to a distant country to receive a kingdom for himself, and then return.</i></p> <p>13 <i>“And he called ten of his slaves, and gave them ten minas and said to them, ‘Engage in business until I come back.’</i></p> <p>14 <i>“But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We do not want this man to reign over us.’</i></p> <p>15 <i>“And it happened that when he returned, after receiving the kingdom,</i></p>

19 "Now after a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

20 "And the one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed five talents over to me. See, I have gained five more talents.'

21 "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

22 "Also the one who had received the two talents came up and said, 'Master, you handed two talents over to me. See, I have gained two more talents.'

23 "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

24 "And the one also who had received the one talent came up and said, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered no seed.

25 'And I was afraid and went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.'

26 "But his master answered and said to him, 'You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I scattered no seed.

27 'Therefore, you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival, I would have received my money back with interest.

he ordered that these slaves, to whom he had given the money, be called to him so that he might know how much they had made in business.

16 "So the first appeared, saying, 'Master, your mina has made ten minas more.'

17 "And he said to him, 'Well done, good slave, because you have been faithful in a very little thing, you are to be in authority over ten cities.'

18 "Then the second came, saying, 'Your mina, master, has made five minas.'

19 "And he said to him also, 'And you are to be over five cities.'

20 "Then another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina, which I kept put away in a cloth;

21 for I was afraid of you, because you are a strict man; you take up what you did not lay down and reap what you did not sow.'

22 "He said to him, 'From your own mouth I will judge you, you worthless slave. Did you know that I am a strict man, taking up what I did not lay down and reaping what I did not sow?

23 'Then why did you not put my money in the bank, and having come, I would have collected it with interest?'

24 "Then he said to the bystanders, 'Take the mina away from him and give it to the one who has the ten minas.'

<p>28 <i>‘Therefore take away the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents.’</i></p> <p>29 <i><u>“For to everyone who has, more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away.”</u></i></p> <p>30 <i>“And throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (cf. Mark 4:25).</i></p>	<p>25 <i>“And they said to him, ‘Master, he has ten minas already.’</i></p> <p>26 <i><u>‘I tell you that to everyone who has, more shall be given, but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away.</u></i></p> <p>(cf. Luke 8:18).</p> <p>27 <i>‘But these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slay them in my presence.’</i></p>
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1. How does the *Parable of the Talents* affect you as a servant of the Lord?

The Judgment

Matthew 25

31 *“But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.*

32 *“And all the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats;*

33 *and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left.*

34 *“Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom, which has been prepared for you from the foundation 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 *naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.’*

37 *“Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink?’*

38 *‘And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You?’*

39 *‘And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’*

40 *“And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.’*

41 *“Then He will also say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;*

42 *for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink;*

43 *I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.'*

44 *"Then they themselves also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?'*

45 *"Then He will answer them, saying, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'*

46 *"And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."*

1. How does the Lord's description of the judgment make you feel?

Memory Verse:

"But keep on the alert at all times, praying earnestly that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Luke 21:36