



The Way of Readiness

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INTRODUCTION

- We've reached the last major sermon or teaching section, which is in chapters 24 and 25.
- I lean toward almost all of it being about the destruction of the temple, with little pieces of it talking about final judgment.
- He wants to kind of bring this down to what is most important as he's kind of nearing the end of his time here on earth.

1 Don't Take Security in Things That Cannot Protect You

Matthew 24:1–2; Jeremiah 7; Matthew 24:35

- Jesus has just condemned the temple and everything going on, and as they're walking out, they're like, oh, isn't it pretty?
- Don't take security in things that cannot truly protect you. That's what Jesus wants us to understand.
- Don't put trust in men, don't put trust in buildings, don't put trust in signs, don't put trust in the wrong things. Put trust in the words of Jesus Himself.
- Don't get caught up in the beautiful stones, in the wonderful buildings. That's not the answer. That's not where true peace is found.
- It is following Jesus that brings safety and security.
- Heaven and earth will pass away. All of this is going to be done away with at some point, but my words will not pass away.

2 Do Not Worry About the End; Be Faithful Now

Matthew 24:36–51; Matthew 25:1–13; Matthew 25:14–30

- Stop worrying so much about the end and just make sure you're ready for whenever it comes.
- The most important thing is being ready for whatever end comes in my life.
- The warning is stay awake. You must be ready, he says.
- The real problem with the five foolish ones is they did not prepare to endure. They didn't prepare for the wait.
- Preparing for the end, being ready, isn't just preservation.
- Being ready for the end means being faithful now. It means taking what God has blessed me with right now and using that for his purposes and his kingdom.

3 Know What Jesus Values

Matthew 25:31–46; 1 Corinthians 13

- We need to make sure we know what Jesus values, what's important to him.

- What he truly cares about in this text, which is a portrayal, I think, of the end of time here in Matthew 25, is how he treat people.
- You can know all the right answers, and you still can be completely wrong.
- Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.
- If you actually love me with your whole heart, you will see other people as people made in the image of God, and you will care for them.
- There are real eternal consequences attached to where we put our trust and who and what we follow.

THE CHALLENGE

I think it's pretty simple. Be faithful now. Serve God now.

MY NOTES
