

Outline #7 Matthew 24 & 25: Prophecies and stories of Jesus that help us prepare for the End Time

Scripture Song: Great and Marvelous (Revelation 15:3–4)

1. Prophecies regarding the End Time

- a) Why did Jesus share prophecies and stories regarding the End Time? John 16:4; Matthew 24:4, 25
- b) Matthew 24:5–14
- c) Matthew 24:23–27
- d) What is the abomination of desolation referred to in Matthew 24:15 (see also Luke 21:20)?
- e) Why is endurance an important characteristic of God’s people in the End Time? Matthew 24:13 (see also Revelation 14:12)
- f) Matthew 24:9 (see also Revelation 13:11–17)
- g) Matthew 5:10–12, why should we consider it an honor to suffer for righteousness’ sake?

2. Parables of Jesus regarding the End Time

- a) Matthew 25:1–13, parable of the 10 virgins
 - i) What is the most important lesson you learn from this parable of Jesus that will help you prepare for the End Time?
 - ii) How can we avoid the same mistake as the five foolish virgins?
- b) Matthew 25:14–18, parable of the talents
 - i) What is the most important lesson you learn from this parable of Jesus that will help you prepare for the End Time?

- ii) Could these talents include both natural abilities and spiritual gifts?
- iii) What happens if we fail to use the gifts we have received from God while waiting for the return of Jesus?
- c) Matthew 25:31–46
 - i) What is the most important lesson you learn from this parable of Jesus that will help you prepare for the End Time?
 - ii) We are not saved by our social service, so why does Jesus place such great emphasis on caring for those in need?

3. Courage for the End Time

- a) What promises of Jesus give you courage as you prepare for the End Time?
 - i) John 16:33
 - ii) Matthew 10:18–20
 - iii) Matthew 28:20
 - iv) Other promises?
- b) Who has been an inspiration to you as you think about preparing for the End Time?

