

Passion Week—The Olivet Discourse: Be Ready! (Tuesday, March 31, 33)

Matthew 24:43–44	Mark 13:34–37	Luke 21:34–36
<p>43 But understand this: that if the master of the house had known what watch of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into.</p> <p>44 For this <i>reason</i> you also must be ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not think <i>he will come</i>.</p>	<p>34 It is like a man away on a journey, who left his house and gave his slaves authority—to each one his work—and to the doorkeeper he gave orders that he should be on the alert.</p> <p>35 Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or early in the morning—</p> <p>36 lest he arrive suddenly <i>and</i> find you sleeping.</p> <p>37 And what I say to you, I say to everyone: Be on the alert!”</p>	<p>34 “But take care for yourselves, lest your hearts are weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of daily life, and that day come upon you suddenly</p> <p>35 like a trap. For it will come upon all who reside on the face of the whole earth.</p> <p>36 But be alert at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these <i>things that</i> are going to happen, and to stand before the Son of Man.”</p>

Passion Week—The Olivet Discourse: Parables about Faithfulness (Tuesday, March 31, 33)

Matthew 24:45–25:30

Parable of the Wise and Foolish Slaves

24:45 “Who then is the faithful and wise slave whom the master has put in charge of his household slaves to give them their food at the right time?

46 Blessed *is* that slave whom his master will find so doing *when he* comes back.

47 Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

48 But if that evil slave should say to himself, ‘My master is staying away for a long time,’

49 and he begins to beat his fellow slaves and eats and drinks with drunkards,

50 the master of that slave will come on a day that he does not expect and at an hour that he does not know,

51 and will cut him in two and assign his place with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth!

Parable of the Ten Virgins

25:1 “Then the kingdom of heaven may be compared to ten virgins who took their lamps *and* went out to meet the bridegroom.

2 Now five of them were foolish and five *were* wise.

3 For *when* the foolish ones took their lamps, they did not take olive oil with them.

4 But the wise ones took olive oil in flasks with their lamps.

5 And *when* the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

6 But in the middle of the night there was a shout, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

7 Then all those virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps.

8 And the foolish ones said to the wise ones, ‘Give us *some* of your olive oil, because our lamps are going out!’

9 But the wise ones answered saying, “Certainly there will never be enough for us and for you! Go instead to those who sell *olive oil* and buy *some* for yourselves.’

10 But *while* they had gone away to buy *it* the bridegroom arrived, and those who were ready went inside with him to the wedding celebration, and the door was shut.

11 And later the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open *the door* for us!’

12 But he answered *and* said, ‘Truly I say to you, I do not know you!’

13 Therefore be on the alert, because you do not know the day or the hour!

Parable of the Talents

14 For *it is* like a man going on a journey. He summoned his own slaves and handed over his property to them.

15 And to one he gave five talents, and to another two, and to another one, to each one according to his own ability, and he went on

a journey immediately.

16 The one who had received the five talents went out *and* traded with them and gained five more.

17 In the same way the one *who had* the two gained two more.

18 But the one who had received the one went away *and* dug up the ground and hid his master's money.

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 over to me five talents. See, I have gained five more talents!'

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

22 And the one *who had* the two talents also came up *and* said, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents. See, I have gained two talents more!'

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

24 And the one who had received the one talent came up also *and* said, 'Master, *because I* knew you, that you are a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering from where you did not scatter *seed*.

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

26 But his master answered *and* said to him, 'Evil and lazy slave! You knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather from where I did not scatter *seed*.

27 Then you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and *when I* returned I would have gotten back *what was* mine with interest!

28 Therefore take the talent from him and give *it* to the one who has the ten talents.

29 For to everyone who has, *more* will be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.

30 And throw the worthless slave into the outer darkness—in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth!'

Passion Week—The Olivet Discourse: Judgment of the Sheep and Goats (Tuesday, March 31, 33)

Matthew 25:31–46

31 Now 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 like a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

33 And he will place 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 by my Father. Inherit the kingdom 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 welcomed me as a guest,

36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you cared for 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 welcome *you* as a guest, 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, in as much as you did *it* to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did *it* to me.'

41 Then he will also say to those on *his* left, 'Depart from me, *you* accursed ones, into the eternal fire that has been prepared for the devil and his angels!

42 For I was hungry and you did not give me *anything* to eat, I was thirsty and you did not give me *anything* to drink,

43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me as a guest, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not care for me.'

44 Then they will also answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and not serve you?'

45 Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly I say to you, in as much as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to me.'

46 And these will depart into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Passion Week—The Plot to Kill Jesus (Wednesday, April 1, 33)

Matthew 26:1–5	Mark 14:1–2	Luke 21:37–22:2
<p>1 And it happened that when Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples,</p> <p>2 “You know that after two days the Passover takes place,</p> <p>and the Son of Man will be handed over in order to be crucified.”</p> <p>3 Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, who was named Caiaphas,</p> <p>4 and plotted in order that they could arrest Jesus by stealth and kill <i>him</i>.</p> <p>5 But they were saying, “Not during the feast, so that there will not be an uproar among the people.”</p>	<p>14:1 Now after two days it was the Passover and the feast of Unleavened Bread,</p> <p>and the chief priests and the scribes</p> <p>were seeking how, <i>after</i> arresting him by stealth, they could kill <i>him</i>.</p> <p>2 For they said, “Not at the feast, lest there be an uproar by the people.”</p>	<p>21:37 So <i>throughout</i> the days he was teaching in the temple <i>courts</i>, and <i>throughout</i> the nights he was going out <i>and</i> spending the night on the hill that is called <i>the Mount</i> of Olives.</p> <p>38 And all the people were getting up very early in the morning <i>to come</i> to him in the temple <i>courts</i> to listen to him.</p> <p>22:1 Now the feast of Unleavened Bread (which is called Passover) was drawing near.</p> <p>2 And the chief priests and the scribes</p> <p>were seeking how</p> <p>they could destroy him,</p> <p>because they were afraid of the people.</p>

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