

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 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 been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into.</p> <p>44 For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think <i>He will</i>.</p>	<p>34 <i>It is</i> like a man away on a journey, <i>who</i> upon leaving his house and putting his slaves in charge, <i>assigning</i> to each one his task, also commanded the doorkeeper to stay 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, at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—</p> <p>36 in case he should come suddenly and find you asleep.</p> <p>37 What I say to you I say to all, ‘Be on the alert!’”</p>	<p>34 “Be on guard, so that your hearts will not be weighted down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of life, and that day will not come on you suddenly like a trap;</p> <p>35 for it will come upon all those who dwell on the face of all the earth.</p> <p>36 But keep on the alert at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place, 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 sensible slave whom his master put in charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time?

46 Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes.

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

48 But if that evil slave says in his heart, ‘My master is not coming for a long time,’

49 and begins to beat his fellow slaves and eat and drink with drunkards;

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,

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.

Parable of the Ten Virgins

25:1 “Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

2 Five of them were foolish, and five were prudent.

3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them,

4 but the prudent took oil in flasks along with their lamps.

5 Now while the bridegroom was delaying, they all got drowsy and *began* to sleep.

6 But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet *him*.’

7 Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps.

8 The foolish said to the prudent, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’

9 But the prudent answered, ‘No, there will not be enough for us and you *too*; go instead to the dealers and buy *some* for yourselves.’

10 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.

11 Later the other virgins also came, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open up for us.’

12 But he answered, ‘Truly I say to you, I do not know you.’

13 Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour.

Parable of the Talents

14 “For *it is* just like a man *about* to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them.

15 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.
 16 Immediately the one who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents.
 17 In the same manner the one who *had received* the two *talents* gained two more.
 18 But he who received the one *talent* went away, and dug *a hole* in 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 The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, 'Master, you entrusted five talents 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 entrusted two talents 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 Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my *money* back with interest.
 28 Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.'
 29 "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.
 30 Throw out 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 "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 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 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, '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 When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'
 40 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, '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, '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 These will go away 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

21:37 Now during the day He was teaching in the temple, but at evening He would go out and spend the night on the

<p>1 When Jesus had finished all these words, He said to His disciples,</p> <p>2 “You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man is <i>to be</i> handed over for crucifixion.”</p> <p>3 Then the chief priests and the elders of the people were gathered together in the court of the high priest, named Caiaphas;</p> <p>4 and they plotted together to seize Jesus by stealth and kill Him.</p> <p>5 But they were saying, “Not during the festival, otherwise a riot might occur among the people.”</p>	<p>1 Now the Passover and Unleavened Bread were two days away;</p> <p>and the chief priests and the scribes</p> <p>were seeking how to seize Him by stealth and kill <i>Him</i>;</p> <p>2 for they were saying, “Not during the festival, otherwise there might be a riot of the people.”</p>	<p>mount that is called Olivet.</p> <p>38 And all the people would get up early in the morning <i>to come</i> to Him in the temple to listen to Him.</p> <p>22:1 Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was approaching.</p> <p>2 The chief priests and the scribes</p> <p>were seeking how they might put Him to death;</p> <p>for they were afraid of the people.</p>
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