

Read: Mark 11: 12-14, 20-33 & 12: 1-12; John 12: 20-36

Jesus curses the fig tree: Mark 11: 12-14, 20-26

1. What did Jesus say to the fig tree and what happened to the fig tree?
2. Why did Jesus do this miracle?
3. What is the other lesson Jesus taught at this time about prayer?

Jesus' authority is questioned: Mark 11: 27-33

4. Jesus was questioned about what authority He had to do all He did. Jesus asked a question in return. Why was Jesus' question about John the Baptist's authority a good answer?

The Parable of the Tenants: Mark 12: 1-12

5. About whom did Jesus tell the parable?
6. What did the tenants in the parable do?
7. How did the religious leaders respond to this parable?

Jesus predicts His death: John 12: 20-36

8. In verses 23-25 Jesus talks about the Son of Man being glorified. What does He use as an example?
9. How did Jesus feel about what was going to happen soon?

Today's Thought

I want to pray and believe with all my heart and not doubt.

Read: Matt. 22: 15-46

Paying taxes: Matt. 22: 15-22

1. Why did the Pharisees and Herodians ask Jesus about paying taxes?

2. Did Jesus say we should pay taxes?

Marriage in heaven: Matt. 22: 23-33

3. The Sadducees were next to pose a question to try to trap Jesus with His words. What belief of the Sadducees made the question they posed foolish?

The greatest commandment: Matt. 22: 34-40

4. State in your own words what Jesus said was the greatest commandment.

5. State the second commandment in your own words.

6. Why did Jesus say these were the two greatest commandments?

Jesus asks a question: Matt. 22: 41-46

7. What was Jesus' question?

8. What was the Pharisees' answer?

9. If David even called Christ "Lord," who is Jesus saying is Christ's real Father?

10. What was the Pharisees' response to this question?

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topic #38)

(See additional study,
topic #39)

Today's Thought

How can I love my
neighbor as myself?
What benefits do I expect
for myself?
How can I give these
benefits to others?

Read: Matt. 23: 1-37

Jesus' warning about the religious leaders: Matt. 23: 1-12

1. Who was Jesus' audience?

2. Jesus was warning His hearers about the teachers and Pharisees. What was His warning to them?

3. Jesus told why the lawyers and Pharisees did what they did. What does Jesus say was their motivation?

4. What special title did the Pharisees like?

5. Why should we not be called by special titles like Rabbi, father, and teacher?

6. Why should we humble ourselves?

Jesus' warning to the scribes and Pharisees: Matt. 23: 13-24

7. Jesus was exposing the foolishness of their reasoning about making vows. In the following examples, what did Jesus say is greater: the gold or the temple, the gift or the altar?

8. Jesus says the lawyers and Pharisees look good on the outside, like a cup whose outside is clean or a whitewashed tomb, but what does Jesus say is inside?

The religious leaders' response to prophets sent by God: Matt. 23: 25-37

9. When the lawyers and Pharisees built tombs for the prophets and decorated the graves of the righteous, what were they admitting?

10. How does Jesus predict the religious leaders would treat those God would send to speak to them?

(See additional study,
topic #40)

Today's Thought

I don't want to just look
good on the outside.
I want to be clean on the
inside too.

Read: Matt. 24: 1-54

Signs of the end of the age: Matt. 24: 1-35

1. What did Jesus say would happen to the temple and its buildings?

2. In answer to the disciples' questions about His coming and the end of this age, Jesus gave some specific instructions. In verses 4 and 5, what was Jesus' first instruction?

3. In verse 6 we see Jesus' instruction about wars, rumors of wars, famines, and earthquakes. What should our attitude be?

4. Who does Jesus say will be saved when persecution comes and many turn away from their faith and there are false prophets deceiving people?

5. Jesus tells us what to do when false prophets try to tell us where Christ is. What should we do?

6. How will we know when the Son of Man comes? What will His coming be like?

7. What does verse 31 say will happen to those who believe Jesus?

The day and the hour are unknown: Matt. 24: 36-54

8. Who knows when the last day will be?

9. In verses 42 and 44, we see two more instructions about these Last Days. What are these instructions?

10. The final instruction is found in verses 45 and 46. What is this final instruction?

Today's Thought

Instead of spending my time and strength worrying about things I cannot change, I should be busy doing what I know pleases God.

Read: Matt. 25: 1-46

The Parable of the Ten Virgins: Matt. 25: 1-13

1. What does Jesus say the ten virgins are like?

2. What was the difference between the foolish and the wise virgins?

3. At the end of this parable, Jesus tells us what is most important for us to learn from it. What is the main lesson of this parable?

The Parable of the Talents (a large amount of money): Matt. 25: 14-30

4. This parable is very similar to the parable of the minas we studied in Luke 19:11-27. In this parable what was the master's response to the servants who had invested their talents and gained more?

5. What does that mean to you?

The Sheep and the Goats: Matt. 25: 31-46

6. When does Jesus say this separation will take place?

7. What did the King give to those on His right?

8. Why did He give them this inheritance?

9. What did the King say to those on His left?

10. Why were these people treated this way?

Today's Thought

What can I do to help those in need around me?

Day 1

- 1.** Jesus said, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." By the next day the fig tree was withered from the roots up.
- 2.** Jesus did this miracle to show that whatever we ask for in prayer, believing in our hearts, we will receive.
- 3.** Jesus also taught that if we hold anything against anyone, we must forgive, so our heavenly Father will forgive us.
- 4.** They had asked the question to cause Jesus to say His authority was from heaven. They would have called that blasphemy and had their excuse for killing Him. He knew they wouldn't answer and so He didn't have to answer their question.
- 5.** From chapter 11: 27 and 12: 1 and 12, we know Jesus told the parable about the chief priests, teachers of the law, and elders. He likened them to the tenants in the parable.
- 6.** The tenants in the parable beat and killed servants sent to collect from them. They finally killed the son, thinking that they could seize his inheritance.
- 7.** The religious leaders knew Jesus had spoken against them, but because they were afraid of the crowd, they left Jesus and went away.
- 8.** Jesus used the planting of wheat as an example of what was about to happen. Like a seed being planted and producing many more seeds, His death made it possible for many others to have eternal life.
- 9.** Jesus' heart was troubled, but He knew this was why He came to earth.

Day 2

- 1.** The Pharisees and Herodians asked Jesus about paying taxes because they were trying to trap Him with His words so they could accuse Him.
- 2.** Yes, we should pay taxes that belong to our government and give to God what belongs to Him.
- 3.** The Sadducees did not believe in resurrection of the dead, so asking whose wife she would be in the resurrection was a foolish question.
- 4.** The greatest commandment is to love the Lord my God with my whole self.
- 5.** The second commandment is to love everyone as I love myself.
- 6.** Jesus said these two commandments were the basis of the Law and Prophets- in other words, God's communication with man in the Bible.
- 7.** Jesus asked whose Son the Christ is?
- 8.** The Pharisees answered that the Christ was the son of David.
- 9.** Jesus means that Christ's real Father is God.
- 10.** The Pharisees could not answer Jesus. No one dared to ask Him any more questions.

Day 3

- 1.** Jesus was speaking to the crowds and to His disciples.
- 2.** Jesus' warning was to do what they said, not what they did.
- 3.** Jesus said the lawyers and Pharisees did everything to be seen by men. They loved the special treatment they received.
- 4.** The Pharisees liked to be called Rabbi.
- 5.** We are not to be called by special titles because we have only one Master and Father and Teacher. We are all to be on an equal footing as brothers.
- 6.** We should humble ourselves so we do not have to be humbled.
- 7.** Jesus said the temple and the altar are greater because they make whatever is on them sacred— set apart to God.

8. Jesus said the inside was full of greed and self-indulgence, hypocrisy and wickedness.
9. Jesus said they admitted they are the descendants of those who killed the prophets.
10. He said they would kill some, crucify some, flog some, and chase some from town to town.

Day 4

1. He said the temple and its buildings would be completely destroyed.
2. Jesus' first instruction was to not be deceived when someone comes claiming to be the Christ.
3. We should not be alarmed when we hear these things.
4. Jesus said whoever stands firm to the end will be saved.
5. We should not believe them. We should remember what Jesus has already told us.
6. Everyone will know at the same time just like lightening flashes across the whole sky.
7. The angels will gather all the elect—those who believe Jesus—from all over the world.
8. Only the Father knows. The angels don't know and neither does the Son.
9. We are to keep watching because we don't know when all this will happen and we must be ready all the time.
10. We are to be faithful and wise, doing what pleases God.

Day 5

1. Jesus said the ten virgins were like the kingdom of heaven. Jesus told this parable to help us understand more about the kingdom of heaven.
2. The wise virgins were prepared for the arrival of the bridegroom, even if he were delayed. The foolish ones were only prepared for a short wait.
3. The main lesson from this parable is that we should keep watching because we don't know when Jesus will return.
4. The master's response was, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"
5. If I faithfully use what God has given me, He will reward me with more responsibilities and with His happiness.
6. This separation will take place when Jesus comes in His glory with His angels, and sits on His heavenly throne.
7. The King gave them the inheritance prepared for them before the world was created.
8. They treated the least of His brothers as they would the Lord Jesus. They fed the hungry, gave a drink to the thirsty, invited in strangers, clothed the naked, cared for the sick and visited those in prison.
9. The King told them to depart into the eternal fires prepared for the devil and his angels.
10. Because they did not do anything to help the least person, the ones on His left were sent to eternal fires.

Day 2

38. Some Old Testament Laws:

The Ten Commandments	Deut. 5: 6-21
The most important commandment	Deut. 6: 4-9
The second most important commandment	Lev. 19: 1-18

39. The importance of David:

Chosen by God as king of Israel	I Sam. 16: 1, 13
Killed Goliath, the giant	I Sam. 17: 4, 49
Wrote many Psalms- an example	Psa. 57
Received an eternal covenant	II Sam. 7: 1-29
Was a musician	II Sam. 23: 1
Known for his faith	Heb. 11: 32, 33
Type of Christ	Jer. 23: 5,6
Christ, the Messiah was of David's family	Matt. 1:1

Day 3

40. Oaths:

Expressions of oaths:

As the Lord lives	I Sam. 19: 6
God is witness	Gen. 31: 50
God judge between us	Gen. 31: 53

Purposes of oaths:

Confirm treaties	Gen. 26: 28
Establish truth	Ex. 22: 11
Confirm fidelity	Num. 5: 19-22
Seal a covenant	II Chron. 15: 12-15
Fulfill promises	Neh. 5: 12, 13

Sacredness of oaths:

Obligatory	Num 30: 2-16
Upheld by Christ	Matt. 26: 63, 64
Rewarded	II Chron. 15: 12-15

Prohibitions about oaths:

In idol's name	Josh. 24: 7
In creature's name	Matt. 5: 34-36
Falsely	Lev. 19: 12
Among Christians	Matt. 5: 34