

Passage Matthew 25:14-30

Overview Outline:

Questions to Ask:

- I. What is the Meaning of this Passage?
- II. How does this Passage Apply?
- III. What can we do to apply this passage?

Full Outline:

**I. What is the Meaning of this Passage?** Matthew 24:3 “As He was Sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of your coming...”

- The Disciples wanted to know when Christ would Return.
- They also wanted to know what the signs would be before he returns.
- They asked: When and What

**I just want to take a minute to point out that this lesson is not on the end times. But rather we need to address the passage that surrounds our desired text in order to understand it fully.**

A. Christ’s Answer to the What: What will the end times look like?

1. Tribulation (Matthew 24:4-26)
  - Hated because of His Name (v. 9)
  - False Christ’s and False Prophets will Arise (v. 24)
2. The Second Coming (Matthew 24:27-31)
  - Son of Man will appear in the Sky (v.30)
  - He will come on the clouds of the sky (v. 30)
    - With Power
    - With Glory

*Christ does answer their question, with a brief description of what the end times will look like. There will come a time when Christ’s Return is near. Christ will return!!*

B. Christ’s Answer to the When:

1. The Parable of the Fig Tree (Matthew 24:32-35) “so, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near.” Matthew 24:33 – What Christ was saying is that with a fig tree when it brings forth leaves you know that summer is near, in the same manner it will be with the returning of Christ.
2. Illustration of Noah (Matthew 24:36-39) – the flood was unexpected, and so will the coming/return of Christ

3. Illustration of the Servants (Matthew 24:40-41) – two men in the field, one taken and one left, two women at the mill grinding, one taken and one left.

***“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angles of Heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.” (Matthew 24:36)***

***\*\*\*Summary of the answers: Christ states some signs that will take place before He returns. He also describes what His return will look like, but as to when, he states that only the Father Knows. It is with this answer that Christ challenges the focus of those who asked the questions. What should be their focus?\*\*\****

#### C. First thing to Focus On

Be Ready (Matthew 24:42-25:13) “For this reason you must also be ready...” (Matt. 24:44)

What does this mean? Accept and Believe the Gospel, is the best way that one can be ready for the returning of Christ, it is the only way one can be ready!

- Romans 3:23 – All Have sinned
- Romans 6:23 – The wages of our sin is death
- Romans 5:8 – Christ Died for our sins
- Romans 10:9 “if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the Dead you will be saved.”

#### D. Second Thing to Focus On

Be Faithful (Matthew 25:14-30) Parable of the Talents:

- The master or owner of the slaves, leaves and comes back
- One slave is given five talents, to another, two, and to another, one.
- The amount of the talents was given to each one’s ability.
- The first two slaves go out and do something with the talents
- The third slave does nothing with the one talent.
- They are not reviewed based on how well they did but rather if they were faithful with what had been given to them “Well done, good and ***faithful*** slave. You were ***faithful***...Well done, good and ***faithful*** slave. You were ***faithful***...”

## **II. How does this Apply?**

Some questions to ask yourself:

- A. Are you ready? Have you accepted the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
- B. Are you being faithful? With involvement with this Church? With other areas that God has given you?

### **III. What Can You do to Apply this Passage?**

#### TENFOLD Youth Ministry

- Overview
  - Purpose statement
  - Beliefs
- How we apply this passage directly
  - Leadership – The leaders have specific roles, it is not built around one person
  - Planning – first Friday of every month
  - Execution of Teen Nights
  - Discipleship
- How you can Help
  - Pray
    - For the Leaders that they are faithful
    - For the Teens that their lives are changed and impacted for the Gospel's sake
  - Become Involved on Tuesday nights
    - With Discipleship
    - With leading Small groups
    - Coming to simply support
  - Help out with Events coming up
    - Guys camping trip/Girls overnight trip
    - This fall Dodge ball Tournament
  - Vision
    - For the group to grow
      - Spiritually
      - And in size
    - Two network youth pastors of Northern Virginia to better reach the teens of this area
- Visit the website: [10fold.wordpress.com](http://10fold.wordpress.com) for more information and updates.