

- Temple will be destroyed before disciples' generation dies out (24.34)
- No sign of Jesus' return (24.30)
 - Timing – unknown (24.36)
 - Nature – unexpected (24.44)
- We are to keep watch (24.42) and be ready (24.44) –
 - Be wise (25.1-13) – live according to the truth we have received
 - Be faithful (25.14-30) – be good stewards of all we've been given

MATTHEW RECAP





Judgment- process where God calls people to account for the way they lived their lives and assigns their eternal destiny accordingly

MATTHEW 25:31-46



STONEBRIDGE
CHURCH

Sheep – the blessed, the righteous
Receive eternal life which is described as
the 'kingdom prepared for you since the
creation of the world'

Rev 21-22-

- God will be our God and we will be His people
- Holy City (21.9-27) and a Garden (22.1-5)
- No more death or mourning or crying or pain; no more curse
- The old order will pass away and all things will be made new

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STONEBRIDGE
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Goats – the cursed, the wicked

- Receive eternal punishment described as ‘the lake of fire created for the devil and his angels’
- Eternal punishment doesn’t mean eternal torture but eternity separated from God and *all* that is good
- If heaven is ‘I will be their God and they will be My people,’ then hell is ‘I won’t be their God and they won’t be My people’

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Who are the 'least of these brothers and sisters of Mine?'

Christians who are suffering-

- Least of these – 'little ones' always refers to disciples (Mt10.42, 18.6, 18.10, 18.14)
- Brothers/sisters – always refers to disciples except when referring to siblings

We do have responsibility to care for any who are suffering -

- Good Samaritan – question is not 'who is my neighbor' but 'to whom am I a neighbor?'

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What is the basis of judgment?

- Our works? – ‘for I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat...’
- His grace/our faith? – for it is by grace you have been saved through faith...not of works (Eph 2.8-9)
- John 6.29 – the work of God is this: to believe in the One He has sent
- Belief = trust and trust is always expressed through action
- Rev 20.11-15; name written in Book of Life

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