

Lesson 29: Teaching on His Second Coming

Objective To learn that if we use, to the fullest, our abilities to serve God and others then we will be ready at any time for the return of Jesus.

Background: Tuesday, Jesus continued His teaching to the people in the temple. Jesus knew it was His last teaching to the Jews so He once again invited the Jews to believe in Him and offered them eternal life. Late in the afternoon Jesus left the temple and never entered it again. The three and a half years of Jesus' public ministry came to an end.

Instructions: Read carefully Matthew 23:37-39; Matthew 24:1-14; 36-44; Matthew 25:1-46 as if you were sitting at the Mount of Olives listening to Jesus.

Let's Think: Always read first the verses indicated at the end of the question.

Late in the afternoon, Jesus and the disciples left the temple for Bethany. On their way, at the Mount of Olives overlooking the city of Jerusalem, the disciples asked Jesus about two future events. In response to their questions, Jesus predicted two things. One, He foretold the destruction of the temple (which literally took place 40 years later) and gave the disciples instructions. Two, He foretold His second coming. Jesus knew in two days He would suffer, die and rise again. Then after a while, He would leave the earth and return to His Father. But He promised that He would come back to the earth again in power and glory. Since then, the true believers have been waiting for the return of Jesus, The King of kings! Matthew chapters 24,25)

The Second Coming of Jesus (Matthew 24:1-14; 36-44

1. a) The Good News of God's rule was announced by Jesus at His first coming (Mark 1:14,15) How wide must the Good News be spread before Jesus' return? (Matthew 24:14) Please read 1Timothy 2:34; 2Peter 3:8,9 and explain why?

b) Make a list of the people in your "small" world, your loved ones and friends. Mark those who haven't heard the Good News. Think how they may hear the News.

2. a) Did Jesus give "the date" of His second coming? (Matthew 24:33-44) In what way will His second coming be like the days of Noah (Matthew 24:37-39) and the thief in the night (Matthew 24:43)?

The Parable of Talents (Matthew 25:14-30, (Talent, originally, was a measure of money.)

3. a) How did the servants get their talents? Do they all have “equal” talents?
(Matthew 25:14-15)

b) By the way, should you show off if you have more abilities than others? Why?

4. a) What did the servants do with the talents while the master was away? Explain. Did the servant with one-talent make use of the opportunity and his talent? Explain

b) By the way, can you develop your abilities if you do not practice or use them?

5. a) What praise did the servant with five talents and the servant with two talents each receive from the master when he returned? Are you surprised? If so, why?

b) By the way, is it your talent or the use of talents that really matters with God?

6. a) What praise do you think the servant with one talent would have received if he has used his talent to the fullest? Why? What was his excuse? Was it excusable? Why?

b) By the way, is it true that “if we don’t use it, we lose it?” Give examples.

Are you thinking hard, studying hard, and using your talents and abilities diligently? If not, would you make a new beginning? If so, write down your decision. Give the date.

Let’s Remember: “He who is faithful in very little is faithful also in much.” (Luke 16:10a)

