

Week 7 | Matthew 22:1- 24:31

Day One

Pray + Read Matthew 22:1 – 22:40

What does the parable of the wedding banquet portray about God's feelings towards Israel and the new inheritors of the Kingdom?

What does Jesus teach about new resurrection Life?

Verse 37 – 40 Jesus says we are to “love the Lord [our] God with all [our] hearts and with all [our] soul and with all [our] minds.” Second ‘love your neighbour as yourself.’ Reflect on ways you can do this in the week. Record here your thoughts.

Pray. Praise God that the Kingdom is open to all nations through Christ. Pray that God would help you to love him with all your being and love others!

Day Two

Pray + Read Matthew 22:41 -23:12

What do the Pharisees say about the title of the Son of David?

What does Jesus warn against?

What does Jesus teach about the posture of teachers?

How will you guard against following God only for the benefits or status?

Pray. Ask God for help discerning teaching you hear. Pray for our church leaders that they would honour God in their teaching.

Day Three

Pray + Read Matthew 23:13 – 39

How do you think the Pharisees act?

What contributes to the Pharisees being blind guides?

How does the religiousness of the Pharisees impact their attitude toward God?

Pray. Thank God for the leaders God has given us. Ask God to raise up new faithful leaders to guide God's flock. Thank God for his work in your life. Bring before him your needs for today and the week ahead.

Day Four

Pray + Read Matthew 24: 1-14

What did Jesus say that caused His disciples to question Jesus in private?

How do you feel about this idea of the end of this age?

Using the passage think about how Jesus is exclusive (how he will not share his throne with anyone else).

Read Psalm 78. Reflect on how you've felt through this study. Perhaps journal this in two or three sentences.

Pray. Ask God to reconcile your emotions and actions to His will and purpose for the world.

Day Five

Pray + Read Matthew 1 - 2:12 (We turn back to the beginning of Matthews's Gospel as we prepare for the Christmas season.)

What indications does the passage give that Jesus' birth was planned?

What was written about the nature of Jesus' rule?

Knowing the rest of the story of Jesus' life and death, how does reading this opening of God's life sit with you?

If the magi came to Jesus knowing he was to be ruler, how will you approach Jesus? This Christmas? In your life? Consider how Jesus will and has shaped your life.

Looking back over the last weeks in Matthew write down a list of things you've learned so you can intentionally grow according to God's word.

Pray. Read and reflect on Psalm 72. Use the words to praise God as King. Ask God to continue to grow you to be more like Jesus.

Praise Prayer:

Prayer Asking for God's help:

Thanksgiving Prayer: