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Daily Bible Notes/Highlights Genesis through Revelation 2014

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Matthew

C24 Vss 1-50 Jesus made what appeared to be an apocalyptic statement, "not one stone upon another." His disciples were curious "when would this be?" Please see (Milk to Maturity, Eschatology section). It's not clear what period or ages He is addressing but one thing is clear, He is ambiguous by design. Here's what every believer can conclude and this does not change. No one knows the day or hour. The time will always rest with God almighty, but what we can do is be ready and found faithful (42-50).

C25 Vss 1-46 Jesus continues with a parable that affirms what He taught in the previous chapter. Again the object of the parable is to be ready (13).

Jesus turns His attention to final accountability. This is masterful instruction by the Master. There is a day when followers will need to give account. The parable also suggest that there are those who will be weeded out at the last opportunity. Those who literally did nothing with all that God have them. Then to be useless is met with disaster (30). Again this matches with all of the apocalyptic teachings.

Continuing, no should misunderstand. Jesus will judge nations (31-33). There will be many who are deceived. Jesus identifies the litmus test as those who helped the downtrodden. This is the Old Testament parallel to providing for the foreigner, orphan and widows. Today. The focus is too much on morals and not enough on care for those who are less fortunate other than lip service.

C26 Vss 1-75. Jesus finished His advanced course on end times. The religious leaders plan their final assault. The enemy of our souls is a relentless foe (3-5).

Jesus dines at the lepers home where a woman ministers to Him with fine perfume. Here, we witness coy and slick religious piety in His disciples. They (in their envy) argue the money could have been given to the poor. Let's give them the benefit of doubt here on the other hand. They had been with Jesus and learned their lessons well concerning the poor and humility. They wanted to show Jesus they learned the lesson. They were not accustomed to seeing Jesus bathe in luxury (figuratively), but this time

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Jesus wanted them to know it is different. He was being prepared for His ultimate challenge, death (10-12).

Judas thereafter one of those disciples seeking money and most likely the one complaining about the expensive perfume plots to betray Jesus (14-16).

Now the final supper. As with all who filled Jesus when He told the story of the four types of hearers He knew. Everyone following Him was not with Him. He concludes with these words, it would have been better if he had not been born. This could be said of countless people who reject the love of Jesus (23-24).

Jesus breaks bread and speaks of His body. And share wine and related it to His blood. He further shares they will all betray Him. Peter more than all promises alliance and loyalty. It's not long before they are all fleeing.

Jesus prayer at Gethsemane is the model crisis prayer when the pressures of life are at a crushing level. He asks that there be another way. This means God is open to suggestions, or alternatives. Jesus asks the will of His Father. Even Jesus did not claim or presume He would not face the cross. He trusted His Father. And when He saw the men arrive. He had His answer. He would die.

Judas greets Jesus with a kiss. The disciples were ready to fight and did inflict damage, but Jesus told them to put away their swords. When they said they would be with Jesus they meant they would fight. But it was not Jesus' way. Jesus has a manner of calling His captors cowards. They had plenty of opportunity to arrest him in the temple, but they came at night to His secret place.

If we are not careful the enemy will intrude our secret places of refuge if allowed, but this was by design for the hour in history (55-56).

Jesus is taken where? He's taken to the High Priest. This represents the sickness of the religious order. It was in the "highest" place of the faith. He prejudged Jesus and they hit Jesus in violation of the Law they were called to uphold (67-68).

The youthful Peter watching at a distance even denies any association with Jesus. Willing to fight for Jesus in one instance, but won't even claim an association with Jesus when it appeared it would cost his life (69-75).

C 27 vs 1-65 Jesus goes from the religious leader Jewish to the political leader Gentile. There is this movement in both worlds and Jesus is rejected by all. Meanwhile Judas hangs himself (1-14). Complete rejection happens when the people are persuaded to choose Barabbas over Jesus (20-22).

He's stripped and beaten. It is noteworthy that Simon a black man is linked with carrying the cross for Jesus. What a distinguished and honorable calling. Jesus is crucified. The chief priest and other haters exalted in His death (39-44).

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He cries out clearly indicating His aloneness between man and his Father. He died and the curtain was torn dividing the Holy of Holies. No more holiness in the temple. The holiness is within each believer in the work of Jesus on the cross. He's buried.

Joseph of Arimathea wraps Jesus. He was both a disciple and rich man. He carried out service even when it appears all was lost. It is so important to note the religious leaders safeguard against anyone taking Jesus' body. So the body is under guard (57- 59; 62-66).

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