

Formed questions on Matthew 21-23 Episodes 31-33

Review : From Matthew 19-21

Chapter 19: Surrendering all to Jesus- The rich young ruler

Chapter 20: Proclaiming and preparing the way for the Kingdom of God-
Parable of the workers in the vineyard

Chapter 21: Establishing the Kingdom of God with the Triumphal entry and
Cleansing of the Temple

Matthew chapter 21:23-46 Episode 31

Theme: Fruits of the True Kingdom

Narrative

1) What challenge or questions did Jesus face from the Chief Priests and the Elders when He entered the Temple in verse 23? And how does Jesus handle their question?

2) What do the two sons represent in Jesus's parable of the vineyard in Matthew 21:28-32?

3) Who were the tenants from Jesus point of view in the next parable of the vineyard? Who were the servants? What does the vineyard typically symbolize in the Old Testament and in the Gospels?

4) What other passage in the Old Testament did Michael Barber and Tim Gray refer to that was similar to this vineyard parable?

5) In the Hebrew text of Isaiah 5:1-7, what was the deeper meaning of the Hebrew word given for wild fruit? What were other similarities mentioned in this Isaiah passage that was similar to the description of the vineyard in Matthew 21:33?

6) What will happen to the tenants that killed the servants and the Son when the owner of the Vineyard returns? And how will the next tenants be chosen?

7) In verses 42-44 who is the stone the builders rejected and who is the nation who will be given the Kingdom of God? What psalm are these verses referring to?

8) 1 Peter 2:4-9 talks about Jesus being that living stone rejected by men, and living stones being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood. How does this verse relate to the parable of the wicked tenants and to Psalm 118?

9) How are we as this spiritual house to produce the fruits Jesus desires?

Matthew Chapter 22:1-40

Episode 32

Theme: Repentance and Transformation Through His Kingdom

Narrative continued

1) What does Jesus compare the Kingdom of God in this parable to and in what way does this Parable tell the story of Salvation?

2) What is significant about the man not wearing the wedding garment in verse 11?

3) What is important according to this parable when entering the wedding feast of the Lamb? And what Scripture verses talk about righteous deeds and putting on Christ that was mentioned by Michael Barber?

4) What trap was laid for Jesus from the Pharisees in verse 15-22, and how does he escape this?

5) The Sadducees try to trick Jesus in Matthew 22:23-28 by asking Him a question meant to disprove life after death and how does Jesus answer them?

6) What was the third test of the Jewish leaders and what was Jesus's answer? Where else in Matthew is Jesus given 3 tests? How does His answer reveal the New Testament hidden in the Old Testament?

Matthew Chapter 22:41- 23:39 Episode 33

Theme: Warning against False leaders of the Kingdom

1) What question does Jesus ask the Pharisees and what is His point? What Paschal Mystery fulfills this Psalm 110:1?

2) What was the only king of Israel to be alive when his son took the throne? David addresses his son as “my Lord (22:44) what does this imply about the expected Messiah?

Discourse

3) The Scribes and the Pharisees “sit on Moses Seat” is a metaphor for their teaching authority as successors of Moses. According to Jesus, what practical implications does this have for the people regarding their teaching and for us today in the Church?

4) According to Michael Barber, what does Jesus mean by calling no man Father when speaking to the crowds and His disciples in Matthew 23:9?

5) Jesus closes His last discourse with the 7 woes of disobedient, hypocritical leaders and the warnings of each. What is His first discourse in the beginning of Matthew? How does this relate to the Torah in the Old Testament?

6) What can we learn as a Church regarding the actions of our leaders and ourselves through Jesus’s warnings and blessings throughout the book of Matthew? How is producing fruit and transformation possible through the Kingdom of God?

*Romans 5:1-5

*Isaiah 11:2-3

*Galatians 5:22-25

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