Matthew 21-24

Matthew 21 (46 verses)

v. 1-8 Triumphal Entry and Lamb Selection Day.

v. 9&15 They wanted a Messiah to be King. Note the term "Son of David."

Matt 21:9 The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Matt 23:39) "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" 10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" 11 The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee." ... 15 But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they were indignant. NIV

v. 12-13 Why was Jesus outraged over money changers in the Temple?

Matt 21:12 Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. 13 "It is written," he said to them, "My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it 'a den of robbers.'" NIV

v. 21-22 If you have faith...and do not doubt, you will receive what you ask for.

v. 33-45 The Parable of the Rejected Son.

Matt 21:33 There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. 34 When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. 35 "The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. 36 Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. 37 Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. 39 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' 39 So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. 40 "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" 41 "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time." 42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? 43 "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. 44 Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed." 45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. NIV

Matthew 22 (46 verses)

v. 2 The Kingdom of God and the Bride of Christ. (Wife of God)

Matt 22:2 "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. (The King = God the Father, Son = Jesus Christ, Wedding Banquet = Relationship) NIV
v. 3-5 The Invited Guests are the Jewish people who refused to come.

Matt 22:3 He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. 4 "Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.' 5 "But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business.

v. 7 The King’s response, send His army and destroy their city; burn Jerusalem?

Matt 22:7 The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

v. 8-10 The King then gave orders to invite others; the Gentiles.

Matt 22:8 Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. 9 So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' 10 So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

v. 11-13 Who is the interesting Man With No Wedding Garments?

Matt 22:11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. 12 He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless.

v. 34-40 What is the Greatest Commandment/most important in the Bible?

Matt 22:37 Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment.

v. 41-45 Who could possibly be the Lord of David and also his Son?

Matt 22:42 What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?" "The son of David," they replied. 43 He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says, 44 "'The Lord said to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.'" 45 If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?"

Psalm 110:1 The LORD (Yahweh) says to my lord (Adonai): "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."

Matthew 23 (39 verses)

v. 1-7 Jesus again criticizes the Scribes and Pharisees.

Matt 23:5 "Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; 6 they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; 7 they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called 'Rabbi' by others.

v. 11-12 The Upside Down Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

Matt 23:11 The greatest among you will be your servant. 12 For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

v. 13-34 Woe to the legalistic religious leadership of Jesus’ day…and our day.

Matt 23:28 Outwardly you masquerade as righteous people, but inside your hearts you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.
v. 35 From Able to Zachariah was the layout of the Jewish scriptures.

v. 37-39 Jesus loves Jerusalem and He gives us a clue about His return.

Matt 23:37 "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. 38 Look, your house is left to you desolate. 39 For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'" NIV

Matthew 24 (51 verses)

v. 1-2 Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple.

v. 3 While sitting on the Mt. of Olives He says what precedes His second coming.

Matt 24:3 As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" NIV

o "the day of our Lord Jesus" (2 Cor 1:14)

o "the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil 1:6)

Matt 24:5 False Messiahs

Matt 24:6 Wars and rumors of war.

Matt 24:7 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

Matt 24:7 There will be famines, pestilences and earthquakes in various places.

Matt 24:9 Christians will be persecuted and many will fall away.

Matt 24:11 False Prophets will arise and deceive many.

Matt 24:12 Wickedness (lawlessness) will increase and the love of many will fail.

v. 14 The end will not come until the Gospel is preached in the whole world.

Matt 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. NIV

v. 21 Jesus then mentions that there will be “great tribulation” or distress.

Matt 24:21 For then there will be great distress (Tribulation in KJV), unequaled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again. NIV

v. 29-31 The last sign culminating in the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Matt 24:29 “Immediately after the distress of those days ‘the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.' 30 "Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. 31 And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. NIV

v. 36 Will anyone ever be able to accurately predict Jesus’s Second Coming?

Matt 24:36 "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father...42 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come...44 So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. NIV