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The Future Foretold

Chapter Summary

Jesus notices a poor widow give two tiny coins and calls it the greatest gift because it costs her everything. Leaving the temple, he foretells its destruction and, on the Mount of Olives, answers his disciples' questions about timing and signs. He warns of deception, wars, persecution, and an "abomination" that triggers flight, then looks beyond near-term turmoil to cosmic upheaval and his visible return. He promises angelic gathering of his people and insists his words outlast heaven and earth.

Through parables and pictures—fig trees, night watches, a thief's surprise, bridesmaids with lamps, stewards with talents, and a royal judgment—Jesus presses one theme: stay awake, live ready, and love well. Readiness isn't panic but faithfulness—enduring in truth, stewarding what God entrusts, and serving "the least" as if serving the King. The Judge is also the Bridegroom; alert hearts and active love are how we welcome him.

Main Truth: Stay awake, stay faithful, love the least.

Readiness for Jesus' return is not guesswork about dates but day-by-day loyalty—holding fast to his words, refusing deception, and turning trust into tangible service. He measures readiness by faith that endures pressure, stewardship that multiplies grace, and mercy that meets real needs. Live that way and you'll greet the Bridegroom with lamps lit and hear, "Well done."

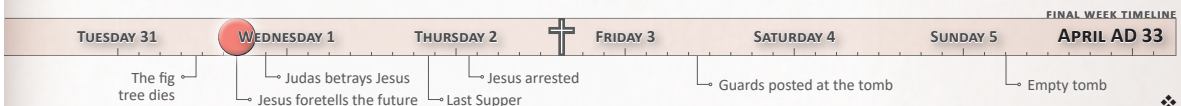
Week 22 Recap

- 1 What was something new you learned last week?
- 2 What stood out the most from last week's study?
- 3 Did you do anything as a result of what you have learned?

Key Scripture

Matthew 24:35

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."



Day 1 Truth:

Jesus values sacrificial hearts.

Day 1 Scripture:

Mark 12:43–44

“Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others... she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

Day 1 Prayer:

Lord Jesus, tune my heart to your values; free me from showy giving and teach me joyful sacrifice that trusts your care and advances your kingdom's work.

Day 1 – True Generosity

Chapter 23: 1–2

1. What contrasts does Jesus see between the rich givers and the widow's two coins?
2. Why does sacrifice matter more to God than visible size or noise?
3. How does this scene redefine generosity for disciples and churches?
4. Where could your giving become worshipful sacrifice instead of spare change?

Day 2 – Birth Pains and Deception

Chapter 23: 2–22

Day 2 Truth:

Endure; don't be deceived.

Day 2 Scripture:

Matthew 24:13

“The one who endures to the end will be saved.”

Day 2 Prayer:

Father, steady me when fear rises and lies multiply; anchor me in your Spirit's courage so my love won't grow cold but keeps shining under pressure.

5. Which warnings does Jesus repeat, and what does that repetition tell us?
6. How do persecution and witness belong together in his plan?
7. What does “endure to the end” require when love grows cold?
8. What practices will keep you alert, unafraid, and faithful in shaky times?

FINAL WEEK TIMELINE

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The Jesus Bible Study

Day 3 – Signs, Word, and Near Salvation

Chapter 23: 23–28

9. What signs does Jesus give of cosmic shaking and his appearing?

10. Why anchor hope in his unbreakable word amid distress?

11. How does “lift up your heads” shape a disciple’s posture?

12. Where do you need to swap doom-scrolling for promise-watching?

Day 3 Truth:

His promise stands;
salvation draws near.

Day 3 Scripture:

Luke 21:28

“When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Day 3 Prayer:

King Jesus, lift my gaze from turbulence to your certain return; help me live hopeful, holy, and ready as your unshakable word carries me.

Day 4 – Lamps, Oil, and Readiness

Chapter 23: 29–35

13. What separates the wise and foolish bridesmaids before the door shuts?

14. How does daily obedience function like “oil” that can’t be borrowed last-minute?

15. Why doesn’t shared community replace personal readiness?

16. What rhythm today will keep your lamp trimmed and burning tomorrow?

Day 4 Truth:

Be ready before the door
shuts.

Day 4 Scripture:

Matthew 25:13

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.”

Day 4 Prayer:

Bridegroom, keep oil in my lamp through obedient habits and daily repentance; make me wise, watchful, and eager to welcome you with joy.



Day 5 Truth:

Faithful stewardship
delights the Master.

Day 5 Scripture:

Matthew 25:21

"Well done, good and faithful
servant... Come and share
your master's happiness!"

Day 5 Prayer:

Master, I offer my time, gifts, and
resources for your increase;
deliver me from fearful burying
and make my life multiply your
grace.

Day 5 – Talents and Trustworthy Stewardship

Chapter 23: 36–44

17. What does the Master entrust, and how do the servants respond?
18. How does fear masquerade as prudence in the one-talent servant?
19. What does "Well done" reveal about God's joy in our faithfulness?
20. Which gift, opportunity, or relationship will you actively multiply this week?

Day 6 Truth:

Love Jesus by loving the
least.

Day 6 Scripture:

Matthew 25:40

"Whatever you did for one of
the least of these brothers
and sisters of mine, you did
for me."

Day 6 Prayer:

Lord, open my eyes to the hungry,
lonely, and overlooked; move my
hands with compassion so my
worship is love that reaches you
through them.

Day 6 – Sheep, Goats, and the King

Chapter 23: 45–52

21. On what basis does the King separate people at the final judgment?
22. How is serving "the least" inseparable from loving Jesus himself?
23. What surprises both groups about their lives when the verdict comes?
24. Name one concrete act of mercy you will do for Jesus today.

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