

Lesson March 24: The Promise to Return -1

After choosing his disciples, Jesus begins teaching them many things. Among the teachings is the fact of a future judgment and His return. He often used parables to instruct His followers about specific aspects of the final judgment events.

1. Read **Matt 13:24-30** and **Matt 13: 36-43** and then answer the following after reading Jesus' explanation.
 - Who or what was represented by each of the following in the parable:
 - Sower of the good seed:
 - The field:
 - The good seeds:
 - The tares (weeds):
 - The harvest:
 - The reapers:
 - The furnace:
 - The shining like the sun in the kingdom:
2. Read **Luke 12:35-40** and answer the following:
 - How could the time of the master's return be described?
 - What would he expect of his servants at that time?
 - What would be done for the prepared servants?
3. Read **Luke 12:42-48** and consider the following:
 - What additional responsibilities will the faithful servant be given?
 - How might some servants decide to act in view of the master's delayed return?
 - What will happen to the unfaithful, unprepared servant?
4. Read **Luke 19:11-27** and answer the following:
 - Why did Jesus tell this parable?
 - What did the nobleman expect his servants to do with what he gave them?
 - What happened to the one who did not follow the nobleman's orders?
 - What happened to those who rejected the nobleman as king?
 - How is this parable different from the parable of the talents in **Matt 25:14-30**?
 - What general lesson is Jesus' teaching in these parables?
5. Read **Matt 25:31-46** and answer the following:
 - What does Jesus emphasize as the difference between the "sheep" and the "goats"?
 - How does Jesus say they had "done it to me"?
 - When does he say this separation will occur?
6. Read the promise of Jesus to his disciples in **John 14:1-3** then consider:
 - What was the emotional state of the apostles when Jesus said this?

Note: See **John 13:33-38** and **John 14:27-29**.

- Why did Jesus say He was going away?
 - Why did Jesus say he would come back?
 - Was this meant for just the apostles or for every faithful disciple? (See **John 12:26**)
7. Read **John 21:20-23** and answer:
- What statement did Jesus make about his return that was misunderstood?
 - What did Jesus mean by what He said?
8. Read **Luke 18:8** and answer:
- What can you tell about Jesus wondering what He will find when He returns.
9. Read **Acts 1:9-11** and answer:
- How did the angels say Jesus would return?
 - What did they mean by this?
 - In what ways will Jesus' return be different from His ascension?
10. Read the following passages in Acts and tell what:
- Warning is given by Paul to the Athenians – **Acts 17:31-32**
 - Paul said that divided the Jewish Sanhedrin – **Acts 23:6-9**
 - Paul spoke to Felix about –**Acts 24:25**
 - Why would this have made Felix upset?