

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

MARCH 23, 2025

The church in Phoenix

Meeting Schedule

Lord's Day

10:00 am – Lord's Table

11:00 am – Prophesying meeting

Tuesday

7:00 pm – Spanish-speaking
prayer meeting at home

7:30 pm – English-speaking prayer
meeting at meeting hall

Thursday

7:00 pm – Small group meeting
(Spanish/English)

Friday

7:00 pm – Small group meetings
(Spanish)

7:30 pm – Small group meetings

Saturday

9:30 am – Cleaning &
maintenance at the
hall/corporate morning revival

7:30 pm – Young people's
meeting

7:00 pm – Small group meeting
(Burmese)

Holy Word for Morning Revival

- ❖ Being a Vessel unto
Honor, a Fully Equipped
Man of God, by Being
Empowered in the Grace
which is in Christ Jesus to
Fully Accomplish Our
Ministry in the Unique
Ministry of God's
Economy – Week 7

Life-Study of Matthew

Message 57

Matt. 21:23-46

Announcements

❖ Church in Riverside blending trip Hospitality Sign-up

- Saturday, March 29 – Love feast at the Phoenix meeting hall
- Lord's Day – Join the host locality for the Table Meeting, followed by departure at noon.
- Hospitality sign-up link
<https://tinyurl.com/RiversideHospitality>

❖ 2025 SCYP Spring Conferences

- JUNIOR HIGH BROTHERS' CONFERENCE
 - Dates: March 28-30
- HIGH SCHOOL BROTHERS' CONFERENCE
 - Dates: April 11-13

❖ International Memorial Day Blending Conference

- Friday, May 23 – Monday, May, 26
- **Location:** Sheraton Phoenix Downtown, Phoenix, AZ
- **Address:** 340 North 3rd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004
- **Lodging:** Sheraton Phoenix Downtown
 - Special group rate of **\$129.00 USD** per night plus tax for single and double occupancy rooms
 - a **\$20.00 USD fee per person, per night** will be applied for triple and quadruple occupancy rooms.
 - room reservations: (the Living Stream Ministry group rate)
 - call 866-837-4213
 - Online reservations at the special group rate, please go to:
<https://book.passkey.com/e/50863439>
 - Reservations must be made on or before **April 28, 2025**
- **Parking:**
A discounted overnight and daytime self-parking rate of \$16.00 USD per day with in and out privileges is available at the Sheraton Phoenix Downtown for all conference attendees. Valet parking is also available at a discounted rate of \$22.00 USD per day with in and out privileges for all attendees.
- **Meeting schedule**
1st meeting: Friday, May 23..... 7:30 PM
2nd meeting: Saturday, May 24..... 10:00 AM
3rd meeting: Saturday, May 24..... 7:30 PM
4th meeting: Lord's Day, May 25..... 9:30 AM
5th meeting: Lord's Day, May 25..... 7:30 PM
6th meeting: Monday, May 26..... 10:00 AM

❖ 2025 June Semiannual Training

Subject: Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (3)

- **Live** - Mon, June 30, 2025; 4:00 pm to Sat, July 5, 2025; 9:30pm
- **Video** – Wed, July 2, 2025; to Lord's Day, July 13, 2025.
- Registration donation: Live – \$210.00; Video 130.00. (including 1 outline)
- **Dateline: April 27, 2025**

❖ Offerings

Please send your offerings through Zelle to the following email address: offerings@churchinphoenix.org

Life-Study of Matthew - Study Guide

Dear brothers and sisters,

We will continue this week's truth pursuit with Message 57 of the *Life-study of Matthew*, entitled "The Heavenly King Being Tested (1)". In this message we come to Matt. 21:23 - 21:46. The events in chapter twenty-one took place during the last week of the Lord's life on earth (John 12:1). In this period of time He willingly presented Himself to the children of Israel for a thorough examination.

Here are some excerpts from this message followed by key verses for pray-reading and questions for your study:

"The last part of verse 44 says, "But on whomever it falls, it shall scatter him as chaff." This refers to the nations which Christ will smite at His coming back (Dan. 2:34-35). To the believers, Christ is the foundation stone in whom they trust (Isa. 28:16); to the unbelieving Jews, He is the stumbling stone (Isa. 8:14; Rom. 9:33); and to the nations, He will be the smiting stone.

At the end of this parable, the Lord Jesus not only indicated that the kingdom would be taken from Israel and given to the church; He also referred to God's building. Very few Christians today are clear about God's building. Although you may have been in Christianity for years and may have heard that Christ was the Son of God, the Savior, the Redeemer, and perhaps even your life, you probably never heard that Christ is also God's building stone. As we have pointed out, He was the stone rejected by the builders. The Jewish leaders must have been shocked to hear that Christ was a stone. In talking with them concerning the vineyard, indicating thereby that He was the son of the owner of the vineyard, Christ eventually referred to Himself as the stone rejected by the builders. Today, hardly any Christians have the concept that our Savior is a stone for God's building.

Apart from such a building the church is vain, and without the church the kingdom has no life. The church is the kingdom life, and the reality of the church is the building. How we need to experience Christ as the building stone! He is the building element, the building life. Christ is life to us not only for victory, but all the more for building. The inner life people have spoken a great deal about Christ as the victorious life. But I never heard any one of them give a message saying that Christ is the building life. He is not only the victorious life, but also the building life." (Witness Lee, *Life-study of Matthews*, Living Stream Ministry, Anaheim, CA, msg. 57)

Key Verses for pray-reading: Matt. 21:42, 44, Acts 4:11

Questions:

1. In Matt. 21:42 the Lord mentioned the stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. Who is this stone and what is the significance of Him being the cornerstone? Use Isa. 28:16, Zach. 4:7 to speak on the other aspects of this stone.
2. Christ can be considered a stone to three categories of people. What are the three categories and what kind of stone is He to each? Use Matt. 21:42, 44, and Dan. 2:34, 35.
3. What is the significance of Peter referring to Jesus Christ as the stone rejected by the builders in his gospel preaching in Acts 4? (Acts 4:10-12)