

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

MARCH 9, 2025

The church in Phoenix

Meeting Schedule

Announcements

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 5

Life-Study of Matthew

Message 55

Matt. 20:1-17-34

❖ Saturday Monthly Brother's Video Training—3/15

- Phoenix meeting hall
- Vol. 1, lesson 20
- 8:30am

❖ 2025 SCYP Spring Conferences

- HIGH SCHOOL SISTERS' CONFERENCE
 - Dates: March 14-16
- 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

❖ 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 55 of the *Life-study of Matthew*, entitled "The Throne of the Kingdom and the Cup of the Cross". In this message we come to 20:17-34, and we see three things: the unveiling of the cross and the resurrection, the disciples' poor response because of their ambition for position, and the healing of the two blind men.

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

"What was the disciples' reaction to the Lord's full unveiling of His crucifixion and resurrection? They did not say, "Amen, Lord....." The disciples definitely did not react like this. Rather, verses 20 and 21 say, "Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Him with her sons, worshipping and asking something of Him. And He said to her, What do you desire? She said to Him, Say that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and one on Your left. in Your kingdom. The mother of the sons of Zebedee was the Lord's aunt, His mother's sister, and Zebedee's sons, James and John, were His cousins. Thus, there was a natural relationship between them and the Lord. Immediately after the Lord had unveiled His death and resurrection for the third time, the mother of James and John came to Him asking that her two sons might sit on His right hand and left hand in the kingdom. Although the Lord had spoken of the crucifixion and the resurrection, their mind was set on the throne. Often we are exactly like James and John. Again and again they heard about the crucifixion and the resurrection. But in them and in their mother there was the desire for the throne. This is the ambition for position...."

In verses 22 and 23 the Lord replied, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup which I am about to drink? They said to Him, We are able. He said to them, My cup you shall indeed drink, but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by My Father." If we want to sit on the throne in the kingdom, we must be prepared to drink the cup of suffering. To suffer the cross is the way to enter into the kingdom (Acts 14:22). The selfish entreaty of the mother of John and James afforded an opportunity for the Lord to reveal the way to enter into the kingdom.

In answering the mother of James and John the Lord said, "To sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by My Father" (v. 23). These words indicate that the Lord had a submissive spirit. He did not assume anything, but gave place to the Father. Standing in the position of man, the Lord was fully subject to the Father. not assuming the right to do anything outside the Father. We all need to learn to give everything to the Lord. We have no place to say anything regarding position." (Witness Lee, *Life-study of Matthews*, Living Stream Ministry, Anaheim, CA, msg. 55).

Key Verses for pray-reading: Matt. 20:25-27

Questions:

1. In Matthew 20:17-34, we see three things: the unveiling of the cross and the resurrection, the disciples' poor response because of their ambition for position, and the healing of the two blind men. What are the significance of these three things and how are these related to us experientially in the sequence presented? What is the significance of 20:24, as corresponding to Luke 22:24?
2. After pray-reading Matt: 20:25-27 and reading this message, what has been the Lord's enlightenment to you regarding the position in the church life?