

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

JUNE 15, 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

7:30 pm – Young people's
meeting (Pause for now and
resume on July 14)

7:00 pm – Small group meeting
(Burmese)

Holy Word for Morning Revival

- ❖ Experiencing, Enjoying,
and Expressing Christ (2) –
Week 16

Life-Study of Matthew

Message 69

Matt. 26:31-75

Announcements

❖ International Memorial Day Blending Conference

- **Subject: The Preparation of the Bride**
- lsmwebcast.com
- Archived messages may be viewed until 6/25

❖ Phoenix Monthly Brother's Training—6/21

- Phoenix meeting hall; April 12, 8:30 AM
- vol. 2, lesson 57

❖ 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 (Live Registration closed)
- **Video** - Wed, July 2, 2025; to Lord's Day, July 13, 2025.
- **Video Registration Deadline: June 15, 2025**
<https://forms.gle/pnTHJwVSuvsWL2786>

TIME	WED	FRI	SAT	LD
	7/2/2025	7/4/2025	7/5/2025	7/6/2025
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM		MSG 2	MSG 4	MSG 6
11:00 AM - 01:00 PM				
01:30 PM - 03:30 PM		MSG 3	MSG 5	MSG 7
07:00 PM - 09:00 PM	MSG 1			

TIME	WED	FRI	SAT	LD
	7/9/2025	7/11/2025	7/12/2025	7/13/2025
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM			MSG 10	MSG 12
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07:00 PM - 09:00 PM	MSG 8	MSG 9		

- **2025 North America Chinese-speaking Saints Perfecting Training—Go and Bear Remaining Fruit** (Zoom option available)
- July 23 (Wed. afternoon) -- July 27 (Lord's Day afternoon in Peniel Camp, New York)
- July 30 (Wed. afternoon) – Aug. 3 (Lord's Day noon in church in Cerritos meeting hall, CA)
- Details are posted at NA-CSW.org
- Registration deadline: **June 29, 2025**

❖ FTTA-Middle-Age

- Ministry Conference Center (MCC), Anaheim CA
- one-year program of two 15-week terms
- The coming term of the Middle-age Training will be September 8 - December 20, 2025
- Applicants between the **ages of 35 and 65, >65 needs approval**
- The curriculum and schedule are designed to meet the specific needs of this age group.
- The classes are given in English, Chinese, Korean and Spanish languages
- Registration deadline: **August 19, 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 69 of the Life-study of Matthew, entitled "Pressed in Gethsemane, Arrested by the Jews, Judged by the Sanhedrin, and Denied by Peter." Covering Matthew 26:31–75, this message shows that the Lord's death and resurrection are crucial for the kingdom of the heavens. Without them, the kingdom cannot be established. It also reveals that we cannot follow Christ on the path of the cross by our natural life. The Lord had to die and resurrect for us—through His death our problems are dealt with, and through His resurrection He becomes life to us, so that He can be received into us and even become us.

Here is an excerpt from this message followed by key verses for pray-reading and questions for your study:

"Once again we see here a contrast between two persons in the light of the kingdom. Peter resisted the Lord's arrest, but the Lord was willing to accept it for the fulfillment of the Scriptures. Jesus' life is more than able to be for the kingdom, but this is impossible for our life. Our life simply cannot withstand the events and environment related to the kingdom. We all must come to realize this. If we did not have this record of Peter's failure, defeat, and denial, we might think that our natural life could succeed in being for the kingdom, and we would want to be bold like Peter. However, our natural life is not adequate. Here in chapter twenty-six we see a natural Peter, but in Acts 2, 3, and 4 we see a resurrected Peter. Following the Lord Jesus on the pathway for the kingdom can only be done in the life of resurrection.

We should not read this account merely as a story about Peter, for it reveals that it is impossible for our natural life to enter into the kingdom. Because we all are the same as Peter, we should not try to follow the pathway into the kingdom by our natural life. No matter what kind of mind or will we may have, we cannot succeed. The test will come that will fully expose us. Sooner or later, all of us on the pathway to the kingdom will face the same tests. Praise the Lord that there is still the way of repentance, weeping, and confessing that brings in the Lord's forgiveness and His further visitation. For the kingdom, we must have another life and be another person. Only after we have passed through all the tests and have suffered all the defeats and failures will we realize our need for another life."

(Witness Lee, *Life-study of Matthews*, Living Stream Ministry, Anaheim, CA, msg. 69).

Key Verses for pray-reading: Matt. 26:38,40-41,44-45, 53-56, 63-64, 75.

Questions/Study Points:

1. What was Matthew's purpose in recording Matthew 26:31–75 in such detail—was it to highlight Christ's victory, expose Peter's failure, or both? How does the contrast between the Lord's steadfastness and Peter's denial reveal the deeper spiritual significance of this portion?
2. Considering the key sections in Matthew 26:31–75—Pressed in Gethsemane, Arrested by the Jews, Judged by the Sanhedrin, and Denied by Peter—how can we see the contrast between the Lord and Peter, who represents us? What spiritual significance does this contrast reveal?