

BA Study Guide: Matthew 21-24

Overview

Matthew 20–24 is a crash course in **Kingdom manhood**. Jesus redefines greatness, calls out religious phonies, warns about end-time deception, and shows what it really looks like to endure.

This isn't just teaching—it's training. And if you're serious about being a man of God, it's time to let these chapters read *you*.

Chapter Breakdown

Matthew 20 – Real Men Serve

The parable of the workers: same pay, different starting times.

Jesus corrects entitlement: **God's grace offends human pride.**

The disciples try to climb the ladder. Jesus rebukes them:

“Whoever wants to be great must be your servant...”

“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve...”

Key Truth: Biblical greatness isn't position—it's sacrifice.

Challenge: Who are you serving right now with no credit, no platform, and no reward?

Matthew 21 – King of the Temple, Not Just the Donkey

Triumphal entry: Jesus is praised, but misunderstood.

Jesus flips tables in the temple: not angry—**righteous**.

Curses a fig tree for having leaves and no fruit.

Key Truth: Jesus is coming for the places where we look holy—but live empty.

Gut-check: Are you growing real fruit—or just spiritual leaves?

Matthew 22 – Truth Over Traps

The Pharisees test Jesus with political and religious traps.

He silences them with kingdom clarity.

Then He turns the tables and asks **His** question:

“If David calls the Messiah ‘Lord,’ how is He his son?”

Key Truth: Jesus isn't just a good teacher. He's **Lord**.

Reflection: Do you submit to His Word—or just quote it?

Matthew 23 – The Seven Woes of War

Jesus doesn't whisper here—He unleashes righteous judgment:

“Woe to you, hypocrites...” seven times.

He calls them **blind guides, whitewashed tombs, sons of hell**.

Why? Because their **image** didn't match their **inner life**.

Key Truth: God doesn't want better behavior—He wants surrendered hearts.

Action: Read the seven woes. Circle the one that stings. That's where God wants to go.

Matthew 24 – Stay Awake. Stay Faithful.

Jesus lays out the signs of His return:

False messiahs, war, famine, betrayal

People falling away

Love growing cold

Persecution of the faithful

And then He says:

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

Key Truth: Faith isn't proven in moments. It's proven in **endurance**.

Question: Are you living like a man who expects Jesus to return—or like one who assumes He'll delay?

God's Character Revealed

Generous – He gives grace beyond what's earned (Matt. 20)

Holy – He confronts corruption in His house (Matt. 21)

Wise – He silences the arrogant with truth (Matt. 22)

Righteous Judge – He exposes hypocrisy (Matt. 23)

Prophet and King – He tells the truth about what's coming (Matt. 24)

What This Confronts in Me

My hunger for recognition over service

My tendency to clean the outside while hiding the inside

My drift into comfort instead of readiness

My assumption that endurance is optional

My fear of confrontation when truth demands it

Memory Verse

Matthew 24:13

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

****This is masculine discipleship. Not starting strong—finishing faithful.**

Today's Battle Plan

Write down what false fruit you've been presenting instead of real growth

Serve one person this week intentionally—with no credit, no audience

Confess the Woe in Matthew 23 that most reflects your hidden life

Pray every day this week: “Lord, make me a man who endures to the end”

Evangelism Tip

When someone says the world's falling apart, say, “Jesus actually talked about this—want to hear what He said would happen next?” Then open Matthew 24.

Disciple-Making Tip

Ask the guy you're discipling:

“If Jesus came back today, what would He find you building—His kingdom or your comfort?”

Let the awkward silence do the work.

Practical Man's Tip

Block out 15 minutes. No phone. No noise.

Read Matthew 23. Write down the top 3 phrases that hit hard.

Boom. That's the Holy Spirit talking. Now go obey.

Final Charge

Jesus isn't preparing men for applause. He's preparing us for endurance.

So drop the ego. Kill the fake. Wake up. Serve hard. Finish well.

Because real men don't just study the Bible—they *obey the King who wrote it.*