

# BA Study Guide: Matthew 25-28

## Overview

Matthew 25–28 isn’t just the ending of a gospel—it’s the final warning and marching orders from a resurrected King. Jesus calls out apathy, laziness, fake religion, and fear. Then He conquers death and commands His men to go make disciples.

These chapters aren’t about reflection—they’re about **response**.

## Chapter Breakdown

### Matthew 25 – Be Ready or Be Left Out

- **Parable of the Ten Virgins:** Five wise women kept oil for the bridegroom’s arrival. Five didn’t.

The door was shut. “I don’t know you,” He says to the unprepared.

- **Parable of the Talents:** Two servants invest what the Master gave them. One buries it out of fear.

The Master calls him wicked and lazy.

- **Sheep and Goats Judgment:** Jesus separates the obedient from the indifferent.

“What you did for the least of these, you did for Me.”

**Key Truth:** The King is coming. Readiness = obedience, not enthusiasm.

**Challenge:** What’s the “oil” in your life? What are you investing—or burying?

### Matthew 26 – The Road to the Cross

- Jesus is anointed with costly oil—preparing for burial.
- Judas agrees to betray Him.
- The Last Supper: Jesus establishes a new covenant.
- Gethsemane: Jesus sweats blood, submits to the Father, and finds His disciples asleep.
- Jesus is arrested, falsely tried, and denied by Peter.

**Key Truth:** The battle isn’t at the cross—it’s in the **garden of surrender**.

**Reflection:** Where are you spiritually asleep when you should be interceding?

## Matthew 27 – The Cost of Obedience

- Jesus stands silent before Pilate.
- The crowd chooses Barabbas.
- Roman soldiers mock and beat Him.
- Jesus is crucified, cries out, and dies.
- The curtain in the temple is torn.
- A centurion declares: “Surely this was the Son of God.”

**Key Truth:** Jesus didn’t die as a victim. He died as a **victorious, willing substitute**.

**Action Step:** What does your life say about His worth? Is your worship costly?

## Matthew 28 – The Risen King & The Great Commission

- The stone is rolled away.
- Jesus defeats death.
- The women are the first to hear the resurrection message.
- Jesus meets His disciples and gives them His final command:

“Go make disciples of all nations...”

**Key Truth:** We’re not called to sit in victory—we’re called to **move in it**.

**Commission:** Who are you discipling right now? Who are you actively reaching?

## God’s Character Revealed

- **Righteous Judge** – He separates sheep and goats based on obedience (25)
- **Suffering Servant** – Jesus submits to betrayal and crucifixion (26–27)
- **Risen King** – He defeats death and commissions His people (28)
- **Eternal Bridegroom** – He returns for a ready church (25)

## What This Confronts in Me

- My tendency to **delay obedience** thinking I have more time
- My desire to be safe instead of sacrificial
- My habit of knowing truth but not **doing** it
- My comfort with being a fan instead of a **follower**

## Memory Verse

### Matthew 28:18–20

*“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples...”*

This is the mission. It’s not optional. It’s the call on **every man of God**.

## Today’s Battle Plan

- **Repent** of spiritual laziness. Name where you’ve buried what God gave you.
- **Identify** one person to disciple and initiate the conversation this week.
- **Pray** for courage to act when it’s costly—not just when it’s convenient.
- **Celebrate** the resurrection by walking in daily authority and mission.

## Evangelism Tip

When someone says, “I think Jesus was a good teacher,” respond:

“He predicted His own death and resurrection. If He got that right, He’s more than a teacher.”

## Disciple-Making Tip

Ask the man you’re discipling:

“What do you think Jesus is asking you to do that you’ve been avoiding?”

Then help him obey—today.

## Practical Man’s Tip (So Easy a Caveman Can Do It)

Text someone and say:

“I’m reading the last chapters of Matthew—life-changing stuff. Want to talk about it this week?”

You don’t need a platform. You need obedience.

## Final Charge

Jesus is alive.

The cross is empty.

The tomb is broken.

The King is crowned.

So the only question is—**are you building the kingdom or burying your gift?**

This isn’t time to spectate.

It’s time to serve, speak, lead, bleed, and obey.

Until He returns—**be found faithful**.

