

BA Devotional: Matthew 28-28

We love to talk about victory.

We love to shout “He is risen.”

But we can’t skip the grind that got Him there—or the **obedience He demands after**.

In **Matthew 25**, Jesus tells three stories that expose every passive, distracted, or half-committed Christian man in the room.

Five foolish virgins ran out of oil because they didn’t prepare.

One lazy servant buried what his Master gave him out of fear.

And an entire group of people were shocked when Jesus said,

“Whatever you didn’t do for the least of these... you didn’t do for Me.”

Let that hit hard.

It’s not enough to know Jesus is coming.

You have to live like He could return **today**.

And when He comes, He’s not checking your theology quiz or Instagram bio.

He’s checking your **fruit**.

Oil, Obedience, and Opportunity

The oil in your lamp isn’t emotion.

It’s **endurance**.

It’s the decision to pray when you don’t feel it.

To serve when it costs.

To speak truth when it’s awkward.

To get up again after you’ve failed.

The buried talent? That’s your spiritual gift, your influence, your testimony—rotting in the ground because you’re too afraid or too distracted to use it.

The “least of these”? That’s the guy at work nobody talks to.

Your kid needing attention instead of your silence.

Your neighbor three doors down still waiting for the gospel.

If you’re not obeying **Jesus’ commands**, don’t call it faith.

Call it what it is: disobedience dressed up in spiritual language.

The Garden Is Where Men Are Forged

In **Matthew 26**, Jesus sweats blood while His closest friends... fall asleep.

That's most of us.

We want to ride into battle with Jesus, but we won't stay awake in the garden.

And then Judas shows up—betraying the Son of God with a kiss.

Jesus is arrested, falsely accused, denied by Peter, beaten, and mocked.

Yet He remains silent.

Why?

Because **He came to die**. That's how much He loves the Father. That's how much He loves *you*.

The Cross Wasn't Weakness. It Was War.

Matthew 27 gives us a King beaten bloody and nailed to a tree.

And He *chose* it.

He didn't flinch. He didn't escape.

He drank the full cup of wrath you and I deserved—and said:

“It is finished.”

The temple curtain split.

The earth shook.

The dead rose.

And a Roman soldier—an enemy—declared:

“Surely this was the Son of God.”

If that doesn't shake your soul, you're already asleep.

The Tomb Is Empty. What's Your Excuse?

In **Matthew 28**, Jesus conquers the grave.

Not as a metaphor. Not as a myth.

As **the literal, living King of Heaven**.

And His final words to us?

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...”

That's the call.

Not “watch a sermon.”

Not “post a verse.”

Go. Make. Teach. Baptize. Obey.

This is the charge of every man who claims resurrection power.

Devotional Challenge

Ask yourself:

- Am I living ready—or just coasting through routine?
- What am I burying instead of multiplying?
- If Jesus showed up today, would I hear “well done”—or “I don’t know you”?
- Who am I actively discipling right now?

Be honest. Brutally honest.

Because grace isn’t an excuse to stay lazy.

It’s the **power to walk in obedience**.

Final Word

The King is coming.

The grave is empty.

And the mission is still active.

You don’t need more inspiration.

You need **action**.

So keep your oil full.

Dig up what you buried.

Fix your eyes on the cross.

And live like the resurrection actually happened.

Because it did.

And He’s not coming back to pat you on the back.

He’s coming to reign.

Be found faithful.