



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2022



Take your Pulse

What is something pleasant from your dreams last night?

What is a recurring nightmare you wish you never experienced again?

Today's Reading

Matthew Chapter 25

Continuing the teachings begun in Chapter 24, Jesus shares here three parables of judgment that demonstrate how things will be at the end. Readiness, growth, and service seem to be big themes for those who are to be called righteous. Being caught unprepared, unwilling to try, and ignoring those in need are big themes for those who will be cast out. Remember Jesus is speaking to his disciples who asked about when Jerusalem will be destroyed, this means in these parables Jesus is laying out groundwork for a community that will follow the destruction of Jerusalem. We should read these parables so much for judgment as to who gets what type of afterlife, but rather as the qualities needed to rebuild a community when an old community has been destroyed.



Start the Thinking

Given our primary word to describe God's love for all of creation is grace, how does grace factor into these harsh parables about judgment?



Conversing with God

God of judgment, your faithful followers are ready for all circumstances, are open to growth, and serve all in need. Grant us such a spirit as to be among the faithful followers living these traits. May we not worry so much about tomorrow, as we live for today, making your Kingdom a reality for all today. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen



Be blessed

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine brightly upon you that you experience all God's grace. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen