

End-minded thinking motivates present servant living.

I. Kingdom Perspective Thinking (24:1-31)

A. The right question, but the wrong perspective. (24:3)

B. A troubled world. (24:4-8)

C. Expect Opposition (24:9-13)

D. Witness Boldly (24:14)

Proclaim the gospel of the kingdom!

This is the central purpose of every disciple.

E. Expect Jesus' sudden, powerful return. (24:27-35)

II. End-minded Living (24:32-25:46)

A. Stay awake. (24:42f)

B. Be wise and faithful. (24:45f)

C. Be prepared. (25:1-13)

D. Serve Him with what He has placed in your hands .

E. Accountable (25:31f)

Two options:

1. Come (34)

2. Depart (41)

How does this apply to me?

Passage Overview:

Jesus “set his face” to go to Jerusalem. He knew how this journey would culminate as He would lay His life down for sinners. Yet nothing would deter Him. It was for this purpose He had come into the world.

Going to Jerusalem for the Passover Feast was normally a time of great celebration. Families prepared for this trip with great anticipation. In addition to the usual excitement, the disciples expected Jesus to enter Jerusalem and set up His kingdom. They anticipated that He would be acclaimed by the masses and they would become men of influence, holding significant positions at His side. Their misplaced hopes would soon be revealed.

As they began their journey south, Jesus sought lodging in a Samaritan village and was rebuffed. These Samaritans rejected Jerusalem as the central place of worship, so were not about to host a group of Jews who were headed there. James and John responded with predictable anger, but Jesus responded with grace. He simply moved on, and another village was blessed by the presence of the King.

Many days later, Jesus entered Jerusalem to the applause and acclaim of the masses, yet He wept, knowing their unreceptive hearts. The Prince of Peace had arrived in their midst, but they didn't recognize Him. They were looking for a political liberator instead. Their rejection of peace would eventuate in their being besieged and overwhelmed by violence.

Reading for Next Week: Luke 9:51-56; 19:28-44

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.