

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

11-12-2023 // WEEK 45 NOTES

Matthew 10 - 26

This past week you have covered **Matthew 10 - 26**. Just a few of the high notes of these chapters that I love and mean a lot to me:

Chapter 10: This chapter deals with the authority Jesus gave his disciples over the demonic, sickness, and spiritual truth. That authority is given to us as well.

Chapter 11: Just focus on **verses 28 - 30**. He carries all our burdens as we trust him.

Chapter 12: Remember that the only unforgivable sin is the **blaspheming of the Holy Spirit**. That means the **continual rejection** of the Spirit's pointing out your sin and how Jesus can forgive you.

Chapter 13: The parables of the kingdom. Seed. Sower. And wheat and tares. Only one in four soils/ human hearts are really deep in Jesus to produce much fruit. And there are tares sown by the enemy/ devil among wheat in the world to disguise the true power of Jesus in the life of a believer. Bearing fruit for Jesus is the key.

Chapters 15 - 17: The difference between men's traditions and God's truth.

Chapter 18: Look at **verses 15-17** - how to handle it when a brother hurts you.

Chapter 19: Jesus teaches about divorce. Where does he go to prove his point? **Genesis 2:24!**

Chapters 20-22: More parables about the kingdom. And **20:20 - 28** - Jesus's great teaching on **servant leadership** and how so many people are selfishly ambitious and just don't get it!

Chapter 23: Jesus's absolute angst with the Pharisees and religious leaders. Their faith is all outward, for

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optics, show, drawing attention to themselves, for their own good and glory. **Jesus calls them a child of hell. Wow.** Not very polite rhetoric, is it?

Chapter 24: Jesus's **2nd Coming**. Read it again and again. **Be ready!** All the signs are there for us. They are happening in greater frequency and intensity. Those who are sensitive to the Spirit can see it unveiling before us.

Matthew's gospel ends with **Jesus's End Times predictions (Matthew 24)** which help all of us see the unfolding drama of those days. **Matthew 25** is stressing End Times parables (ten virgins and talents). **Matthew 26 (and 27)** is the story of Jesus's arrest and crucifixion. This coming week you'll read **Matthew 28**, the story of Jesus's resurrection and the Great Commission (**vs. 6 - 20**), telling us that Jesus wanted his gospel taken throughout the world.

God's grace to you all. Keep on reading!

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