

Bible Readings Book by Book week 26 – w/c 1/5/22

Week 26

Monday: Matthew 23:23-39. Jesus points out a number of things to them. They were sensitive to their traditions and everything looked attractive on the outside but their focus on the law, on what was going on inside them and having a clean heart before God was missing. They seem to talk a good talk but they did not walk the walk.

Tuesday: Matthew 24:1-14. Verse 12 is a challenging verse! Most believers will not remain passionate in their devotion to Jesus when difficulties and persecution arises. Pray that you will not be one of the many but remain one of the few who persevere in passionate, loving discipleship.

Wednesday: Matthew 24:15-35. This prophecy of Jesus was partly fulfilled when the Roman Emperor Titus destroyed the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 AD. But there is still another fulfillment when Jesus returns to reign, in a visible display of his power and glory. How excited are you at the prospect of seeing Him and knowing him on that day?

Thursday: Matthew 24:36-51. Watchfulness is not a matter of scanning the horizon for signs of the Lord's return, but about faithfully fulfilling the responsibilities God has assigned to us by serving and witnessing to others. Are you doing this?

Friday: Matthew 25:1-13. This chapter contains three parables Jesus tells regarding his second coming and the future judgement. The key thought in the first is clear: "Be ready!". How are you living out v13 on a daily basis?

Weekend: Matthew 25:14-30. This parable teaches that we are expected to use the gifts, abilities and resources God has given us and will be held accountable for how faithful we have been. Thinking of your money, your talents and gifts, your effort and hard work, in which area do you struggle the most?