

FULLY READY

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Jesus is the savior.
Jesus is the healer.
Jesus is the baptizer in the Holy Spirit.
Jesus is the soon coming king.

In our study today, we will look at the fourth of these proclamations, "Jesus is the soon coming king".

It's always important to see the context of any passage we study. In Matthew's writings, here is the setting and context:

- Jesus was teaching to crowds all around
- Warnings against hypocrisy
- Warning the Teachers of the Law & Pharisees

In Matthew 24:3-5, we see the lead up to our passage:

"As Jesus was sitting on the Mt. Of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, "Tell us." They said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

Jesus answered: Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, "I am the Messiah," and will deceive many".

What's interesting is that Jesus then takes the rest of this chapter to describe WHAT will happen and many of the events that will take place.

BUT...

Matthew 24:36 "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but ONLY the father"

The difficult part for us is when we know what's going to happen and we immediately want to know everything else! When, why, where, who...

- Always wanting more
- We say it would give us "Peace of Mind", but...
- I never had peace of mind about it.

"Just because I knew it was happening didn't mean I wanted to prepare for it"! (important for our study)

In Genesis from the beginning, they had total freedom, dominion and tended and worked the garden, no laws except just do not eat from the tree of....KNOWLEDGE...

There are just some things we aren't supposed to know...

What liberates us from having to connect our own dots or gain all the information possible in order to make an educated guess is this...

Recognize that:

1) WHAT > WHEN

When we pursue the what, we won't be so worried about the when. ("When is a common prayer for people today)

When the one who holds time in his hands, gives us insight on what's going to happen, our when diminishes...

Matthew 25:1-13

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

"At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'

"Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'

"No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'

"But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

"Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!'

"But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'

"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Jesus speaks of two types of people; he divides the ten into two groups. 5 Wise & 5 Foolish

WISE: Proverbs 1:5-6

*"let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance—
for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise".*

- Listen
- Add to their learning
- Let discerning get guidance for understanding proverbs & parables and sayings and riddles of the wise
- Kingdom Knowledge

Solomon inherited God's people and God gave him the opportunity to ask for anything...
He said I can't ask for more, because I don't know how to take care of what you've given me.
Wisdom will help us take care of WHAT you have already given us...

But for the Foolish: they despise wisdom & instruction...

- no listening
- no growth
- no guidance

The wise get to experience something, he takes them into a wedding banquet! In order for there to be a wedding banquet, there has to be a wedding!

Jesus will send his angels before him with trumpets blasting with power and great glory. (Matt. 24)

They are proclaiming the Bridegroom is coming for his bride, Jesus is returning for his bride!

The King is coming for his church, his holy people!

So the bride needs to get ready!

2). FULLY READY!

Revelation 19:7-8

"Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteousness acts of God's people)"

Romans 6

"We have DIED to sin. We no longer live with it or serve it any longer. If we were buried with Christ, then we are sure to fully participate in new life through his resurrection".

John 15

"Remain in my as I in you...As the Father loved me, so have I loved you". "Now remain in me".

Galatians 5:16 & 25

"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh".

"If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit".

"Being fully ready is being full of Godly wisdom"

3). KNOW HIM

Ephesians 1:17

"...Spirit of wisdom & revelation...so you would know him more"

Understand this is not for greater self-worth, or to write a book, or to be a standout presence amongst your peers. BUT to know him better!

John 15

"...I no longer call you servants, because a servant doesn't know his masters business. I have called you friends, for the everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you..."

Being ready for the groom had nothing to do with having oil or not, it could be purchased. They actually came back with it.

Jesus didn't call out that they had no oil or that they didn't have enough...his response was...I don't know you!

FOR THIS GATHERING AND STUDY THE HOLY SPIRIT SPOKE TO US:

"I don't want your deeds...I want your devotion"

"I don't want you to be a sin manager...I died so you wouldn't have to do that anymore"

"Go, get ready, get your fine linens I have given you"

"Open your life to the relationship I want with you"

"My spirit is an advocate for you"

"It's to my glory that you bear much fruit..."

I hope in our groups, (no matter whether it is soon or years from now) that you would be open to what the Holy Spirit is speaking to us.

It is our hope that you are being freed from the when and focusing in on the what then make that declaration to him right now: "Lord, you hold time in your hands, you work all things out for the good of those who love you, you are faithful to do more than anything I could ever hope for or imagine".

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Today's study is about being ready, fully ready, ready because "Jesus is the soon coming king". At the outset, when we talk about being ready what comes to your mind?

In Matthew 24, Jesus is talking about the things that would lead to the end of the age. His disciples were told what was going to happen, but immediately wanted to know everything else, especially the "when". (Take another look at your notes at the bottom of page 1 and the top of page 2) Discuss Pastor Sam's point of the what being greater than the when. Where do you see in your life, where you're focusing on the "when" and you're chasing "knowledge"?

Beginning on page three of your notes we see an important point about "wisdom" and the role it plays in our study. The 10 virgins are split into two groups, the wise and the foolish. Discuss the difference in this parable, but also what you have seen in other people's lives and maybe your own.

The second point is all about being, "fully ready". Please look again at the four listed scriptures on page 4 and discuss what this means to "be ready". Also what does this quote say to you; "Being fully ready is being full of Godly wisdom"?

Sam's third and final point is about "knowing him". What is the difference between the increase of knowledge and growing in a "spirit of wisdom and revelation" and to know HIM better?

Lastly, Sam correctly points out concerning the 5 foolish virgins that; "being ready for the groom had nothing to do with having oil or not, it could be purchased (They actually came back with it) Discuss the fact that Jesus never spoke to them about running out of oil, but he told them, "I don't know you".