

Wait as Those Who Are Prepared as a Transformed Servant!

Sermon Series: HOW to WAIT for Jesus' Return

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Today, we come to the climax of Jesus' Teaching, "How to Wait"

- Jesus' Return will occur Suddenly, on an Ordinary day, So Be Vigilant, Watchful, Prepared
- Being Vigilant/Watchful means Being a Good Servant: one who serves Like & For His Master
- Being Vigilant/Watchful means Being Prepared in case of Delay: like the 5 Wise Virgins
- Being Vigilant means increasing the Master's assets: Announcing/Advancing the Kingdom

Our last lesson, finds the End already having arrived & the promised Judgments begun!

- **Jesus' final message needs to be _____**

There are 2 Keys to Properly Understanding the Parable:

- **Key 1: "Who" are Jesus' _____?**

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these **brothers and sisters** of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:40

"He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of **these**, you did not do for me.'" Matthew 25:45

In the Gospel of Matthew, is always understood in 1 of 2 ways.

While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. ⁴⁷Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you."

⁴⁸He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" ⁴⁹Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. ⁵⁰For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." Matthew 12:46-50

"But you are not to be called 'Rabbi,' for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers. ⁹And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. Matthew 23:8

Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." Matthew 28:10

- **Key 2: Both the Sheep & Goats are _____**

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?' ³⁸When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?"

Matthew 25:37-39

"They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'"

Matthew 25:44

Takeaway:

Are you prepared to Face the Judgement of God?

All Scriptures are from the New International Version Bible unless otherwise mentioned. You may make comments or ask Bro. Tony questions about this message by email at: brotony@itawambachristianchurch.org