

The Gospel According to Matthew

Famous Last Words, Well, Kind Of

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Matthew 25-31-46

31 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32

All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my

Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." 37 Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?

38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" 40 And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." 44 Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" 45 Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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What is Jesus trying to say?
Why should you care?
What does it have to do with your present pains?

End Time
Accountability

What if this story isn't saying what most of us have been influenced to think?

Bishop
Robert Barron

Friedrich Nietzsche
"God Is Dead"

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Plato

Who are the "members of my family" Jesus references?

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Is this a general story about how people will be evaluated, or, is this a story about followers of Jesus and how Jesus wants them to make sense of their world?

Matthew 6v33-34

33 But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

Matthew 5v13-14

13 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. 14 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.'

Before you're anything else, you're a sent-out-one of God.

What if the big points are:

1. He's the big brother in charge of the world.
2. He's taking note of what God's sent-out-ones suffer.

Who cares?

To be a Christ-follower is to be sent.

Podcast: WOF 345: Understanding the Present Moment #2 (Friedrich Nietzsche) from *The Word on Fire Show*

Songs: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, Until These Tears Are Gone, God With Us, Take Courage

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