

# Treasure Hunt

- What is the basis of the judgment?
- Who are the Lord's brethren (vv. 40, 45)?
- During what period of time do the righteous demonstrate their kindness to the Lord's brethren?
- Why is this kindness appropriate for determining their eternal destiny (v. 46)?
- How does this judgment differ from the judgment of believers reflected in the last three parables, and from the judgment of the Great White Throne?
- How is each of the five discourses appropriate to the portion of the gospel in which it falls?
- How does Matthew emphasize the first and last discourses, and why?

# Overview of the Olivet Discourse

Period	Mt 24,25	Mk 13	Lk 21	Description
1. Beginning of Sorrows (Mt 24:8)	24:3-13	5-13	8-19	The NT period, before the fall of Jerusalem. Corresponds to the first four seals of Rev 6.
2. Days of Vengeance (Lk 21:22)	(Lacking)		20-24a	Desolation of Jerusalem under Titus, AD 70.
3. Times of the Gentiles (Lk 21:24)	24:14	10	24b	Jerusalem is subdued by the Gentiles (Luke) and the gospel goes forth throughout all the world (Matthew).
4. Great Tribulation (Mt 24:21)	24:15-28	14-23	(Lacking)	“The abomination of desolation” (Dan 9:27), at the middle of Daniel’s seventieth week.
5. Coming of Son of Man (Mt 24:30)	24:29-31	24-27	25-28	Cosmic signs, return of Christ in glory, gathering of his saints
(6. Interlude)	24:32-25:30	28-37	29-36	Parables about, and exhortations to, watchfulness
7. Separation	25:31-46	(Lacking)		Final Judgment

# Who are the Lord's Brethren?

Mat 12:49 And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and **my brethren!**

Mat 12:50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is **my brother**, and sister, and mother.

Mat 28:10 Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell **my brethren** that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

Matt 10:42 He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. 41 He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. 42 And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold *water* only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

Mat 18:5 And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

# A Tentative Synopsis of End Time Judgments

	Anti-christ	Second Coming			Judgment of Nations	Millen-nium	Satan's Rebellion	Judgment of Wicked Dead
		Rapture	Judgment of Saints	Descent to Earth				
<b>Rev 13-20</b>	13-18			19:6-21	20:4-5	20:6	20:7-10	20:11-15
<b>Matthew</b>	24:15-28	24:29-31	7:21-23 24:45-25:30		19:28; 25:31-46			
<b>Other</b>		1 Thes 4:13-17	Psa 50:1-6 Rom 14:10 2 Cor 5:10		Joel 3:1; Zeph 3:8; Dan 7:22; 1 Cor 6:2; Ezek 20:33	Isaiah 60		

# Overview of Matthew

Gen 5:1 “This is the book of the generations of Adam”

- Genealogy

**[Red brackets]** show the locations of the five discourses in the overall structure

## Matthew: The Gospel of the Kingdom

### 1:1-4:16 The Person of Jesus the Messiah

1:1 “The book of the Generation of Jesus Christ”

- 1:1-17 Genealogy
- 1:18-25 Birth
- 2:1-23 Recognition & Preservation
- 3:1-17 Baptism
- 4:1-11 Temptation
- 4:12-16 Move to Capernaum (transition)

### 4:17-16:20 The Proclamation of Jesus the Messiah

4:17 “From that time Jesus began to preach, ...”

- 4:18-11:30 Preparation of the Twelve **[5-7] [10]**
- 12:1-13:58 The Great Schism **[13]**
- 14:1-16:20 Growing Opposition

### 16:21-28:20 The Passion of Jesus the Messiah

16:21 “From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, ...”

- 16:21-17:21 Principles of Discipleship
- 17:22-20:16 Life in the Kingdom **[18]**
- 20:17-25:46 Controversy in Jerusalem **[24-25]**
- 26:1-28:20 Death & Resurrection

# Alignment of Discourses with Sections of the Book

Context	Discourse	Summary	Length	Audience	Fit to Context
4-16, teaching- preaching- healing	5-7 Sermon on the Mount	7:28	109	Disciples, joined by multitudes	Foundation teachings
	10 Missionary Discourse	11:1	38	Disciples	Engages the disciples to join his ministry
	13 Parables Discourse	13:53	52	Multitudes in parables, explanations to disciples	Reflects growing opposition (ch. 12)
16-25, preparation for the passion	18 Church Life Discourse	19:1	35	Disciples	After his departure, they need to care for one another.
	24-25 Olivet Discourse	26:1	93	Disciples	Promise of his return, and what to expect until then

# Parallels with the Sermon on the Mount, ch. 5-7

Sermon on the Mount	Olivet Discourse
<p>5:3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the <b>kingdom</b> of heaven.                      5:5 Blessed <i>are</i> the meek: for they shall <b>inherit</b> the earth.                      5:20 ... ye shall in no case <b>enter into the kingdom</b> of heaven.</p> <p>5:10 Blessed <i>are</i> they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 Blessed are ye, when <i>men</i> shall revile you, and persecute <i>you</i>, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. 12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great <i>is</i> your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.</p> <p>5:19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven:                      (5:20-6:18, Contrasts with teaching of Jewish leaders)</p>	<p>Mat 25:34 Come, ye blessed of my Father, <b>inherit the kingdom</b> prepared for you from the foundation of the world:</p> <p>24:3-13 (the beginning of sorrows)                      24:15-28 (great tribulation)</p> <p>24:15-28 (desolation of the Holy Place)</p>
<p>5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till <b>heaven and earth pass</b>, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise <b>pass from the law</b>, till all be fulfilled.</p>	<p>24:35 <b>Heaven and earth shall pass away</b>, but <b>my words shall not pass away</b>.</p>
<p>6:13 For thine is the <b>kingdom</b>, and the <b>power</b>, and the <b>glory</b>, for ever.</p>	<p>24:30 they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with <b>power</b> and great <b>glory</b>. ... 25:31 When the Son of man shall come in his <b>glory</b>, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the <b>throne</b> of his <b>glory</b>:</p>
<p>7:22 Many will say to me in that day, <b>Lord, Lord</b>, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, <b>I never knew you</b>: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.</p>	<p>25:11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, <b>Lord, Lord</b>, open to us. 12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, <b>I know you not</b>.</p>

# Parallels with the Missionary Discourse, Matthew 10

Missionary Discourse, Matthew 10	Olivet Discourse
<p>17 But beware of men: for <b>they will deliver you up</b> to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; 18 And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, <b>for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.</b> 19 But when <b>they deliver you up</b>, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: ... 21 And the brother <b>shall deliver up</b> the brother <b>to death</b>, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against <i>their</i> parents, and cause them to be <b>put to death.</b> 22 And <b>ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.</b> 23 But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have <b>gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.</b></p>	<p>24:9 Then <b>shall they deliver you up</b> to be afflicted, and <b>shall kill you:</b> and <b>ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.</b> 10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and <b>shall hate one another.</b> 11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. 12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. <b>13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.</b> 14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached <b>in all the world for a witness unto all nations;</b> and <b>then shall the end come.</b></p>
<p>40 He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.</p>	<p>25:40 Inasmuch as ye have done <i>it</i> unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done <i>it</i> unto me. ... 45 ... Inasmuch as ye did <i>it</i> not to one of the least of these, ye did <i>it</i> not to me.</p>

# Parallels with the Parables Discourse, Matthew 13

Parables Discourse, Matthew 13	Olivet Discourse
ch. 13 (concentration of parables)	24:32-25:30 (six parables)
12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.	25:29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.
36-43 (parables of wheat and tares) 47-50 (parable of good and bad fish)	24:45-25:30 (within the church) 25:31-46 (judgment of the nations)
41 The <b>Son of man</b> shall <b>send forth his angels</b> , and <b>they shall gather</b> out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;	24:30 they shall see the <b>Son of man</b> ... 31 And he <b>shall send his angels</b> with a great sound of a trumpet, and <b>they shall gather</b> together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.
52 Therefore every scribe <i>which is</i> instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man <i>that is</i> an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure <i>things</i> new and old.	24:45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

# Parallels with the Church Life Discourse, Matthew 18

Church Life Discourse, Matthew 18	Olivet Discourse
<p>5 And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.</p>	<p>25:40 Inasmuch as ye have done <i>it</i> unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done <i>it</i> unto me. ... 45 ... Inasmuch as ye did <i>it</i> not to one of the least of these, ye did <i>it</i> not to me.</p>
<p>23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. ...</p>	<p>24:45-51 (parable of the good and evil stewards) 25:14-30 (parable of the talents)</p>