Jerusalem, c. A.D. 33, as seen from Mt. of Olives





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Lesson Author's Theme Jesus will return at the end of time, so preparations must be made.

Matthew – Parable of the Coming Thief

24:34-35 My Word NEVER Pass Away

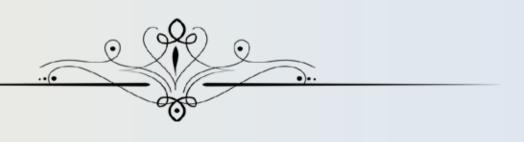
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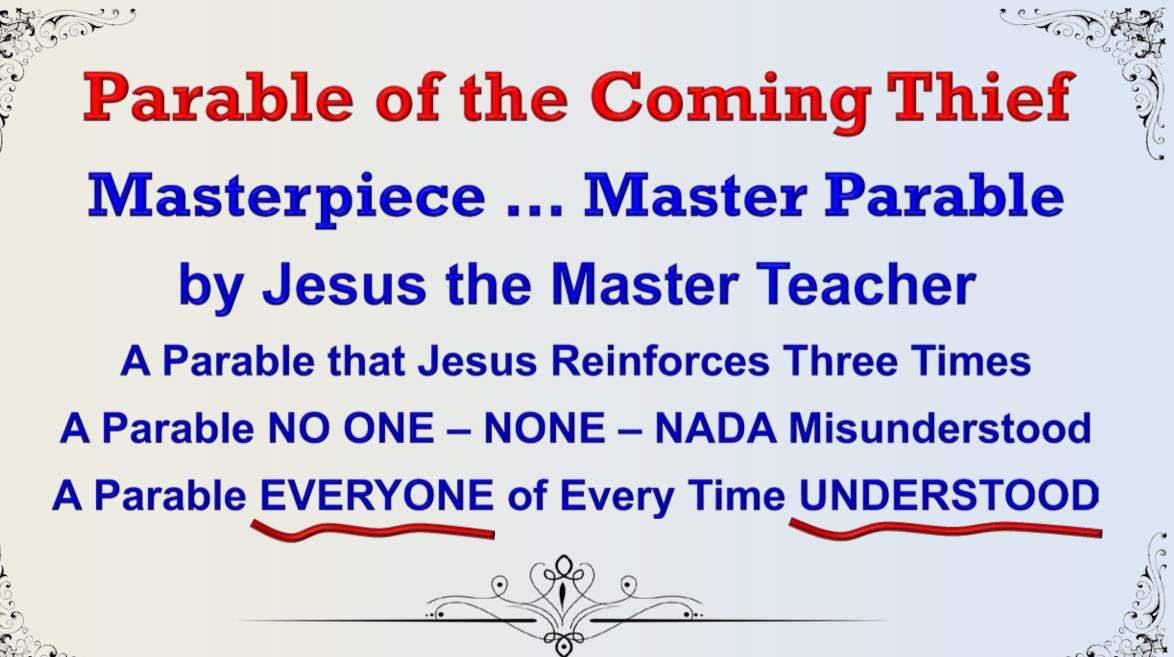
24:45-47 Be Faithful – Blessed Faithful Servant

24:48-51 Be Warned – Cursed Wicked Servant









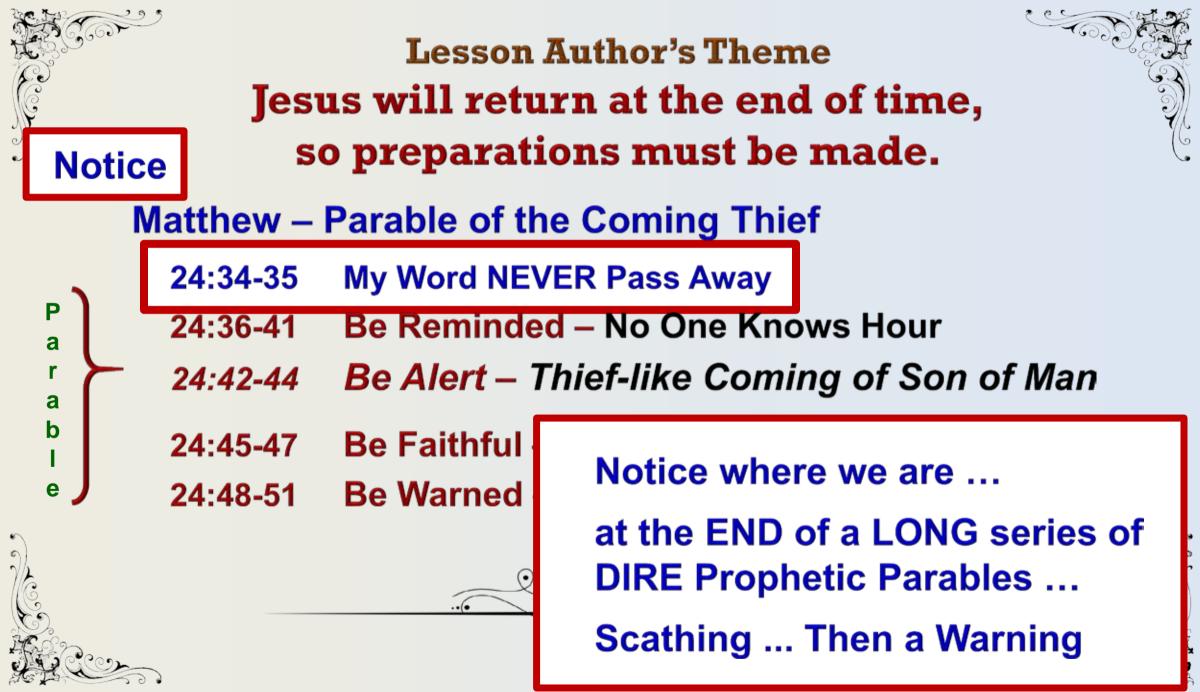
Lessons from a Great Thief Hagar the Horrible





You know that feeling, too—I am certain!

Jesus would ... in just a few days

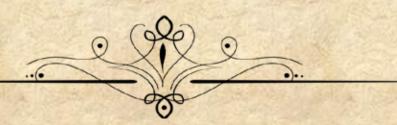


Key Verse Matthew 24:43

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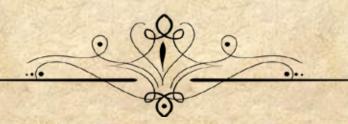






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The Destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70

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Christ before Caiaphas, c. 1630 by Matthias Stom (1615-49)



Followers & Disciples did NOT know ALL

But ALL knew AFTER A.D. 70 ...



Jesus turns to Followers & Disciples

As CLEAR ... Followers & Disciples are ...

Uncertain ... wavering ... wondering ...

Jesus IS the Messiah ... well then??????

Will Jesus GET ON WITH IT ...

Restore YOUR Kingdom ... God's Kingdom

Come on JESUS! - Dump these Crazy Romans!

In their heart of hearts, FIX the Crooked Priests

Bring Honesty and Mercy and Godliness to the

wait for it ... wait for it ...

Bring Godliness to the God's Temple



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Do it TODAY!

Do it NOW!

Recap ... Review ...

Lot has taken place since his Triumphal Entry

After cleansing the temple

After healing more and more ...

After the cursed fig tree ...

After healing demon-possessed ...

After parable of two sons ...

After parable of Wicked Tenants ...

After parable of King's Wedding Banquet for Son ..

the Jewish leaders understand!

THEY are the ones Jesus is calling WICKED



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In chapter 22 – following Wicked Servants

Jesus clarifies Marriage in Heaven ... haha

imagine Jesus shaking his head on that one

33 When the crowds heard this, they were
astonished at his teaching.

34-35 Sadducees & Pharisees got together and sent Johnny Cochran, their Chief Lawyer

³⁶ "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Jesus just blows them out of the water AGAIN!



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In chapter 22 – following Wicked Servants

37 Jesus replied ... hint, hint ...

Holding their breath ... their best, their most craftiest lawyer ... asked what?

It is that baited question (baited for them)

For THEM, very much like,

"Have you STOPPED beating your wife yet?"

These are SMART but CORRUPT HOLY MEN ...

These HOLY Keepers of the Law ...

What is Greatest Command?

They could Debate ALLLL DAY ...



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In chapter 22 – following Wicked Servants

37 Jesus replied ... UNEXPECTEDLY ...

Jesus reached HIGH, way past all their LEGAL codifications ... then Jesus pressed *THEM*

³⁷ "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

38 This is the first and greatest commandment.

39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Then in a killer move, INTERPRETS for them!

40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."



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In chapter 22 – what about King David?

The HOLY ONES conspire again ... and ask about David ... and the Messiah ...

22:41-46 – Jesus just quotes scripture ...

Matthew 22 closes with this:

⁴⁶ No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more que

Matthew 23—Jesus RIPS apart the Pharisees & Sadducees—they honor themselves

23:13-36, Jesus gives SEVEN (7) "Woes" Woe unto YOU ... you ... you and unto YOU ... and YOU

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Chapter 23 – Woe ... woe ... no more parablesjust a wee small selection of burning WOEs

13 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the door of the kingdom of heaven in people's faces.

17 You blind fools! Which is greater: the gold, or the temple that makes the gold sacred?

²⁴ Blind Guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel.

33 "You snakes! You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell?

35 And so upon you will come all the righteous blood that has been shed on earth



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Chapter 23:37-39 – Closing Heart of Jesus

³⁷ "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you,

how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.

Jesus is sad ... knowing so well what is ahead

Jesus is sad ... knowing so well the corruption

Jesus is sad ... knowing that PEOPLE suffer under bad churchmanship ...

Jesus is sad ... people SUFFER under

BAD Pastors ... they really do



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24:34-35 My Word NEVER Pass Away

Chapter 24:1-35 - Jesus leaves the Temple and goes to Mount of Olives ...

Disciples are ... speechless

Disciples are, "WOW! ... TELL US MORE!"

They had NEVER heard Jesus so TOUGH!

Just to be sure ... JESUS is CLEAR ...

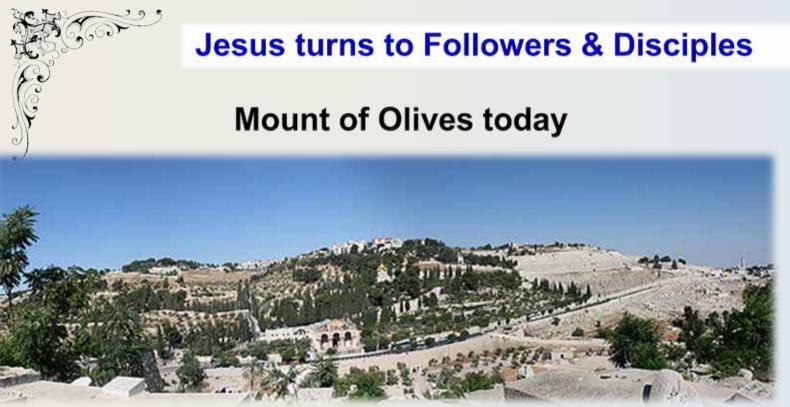
A LOT will be accomplished prior to and WITH

The Destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70 ... in THEIR Generation

Followers & Disciples did NOT know it ALL

But ALL knew after A.D. 70 ... Jesus and crew off to the Mount of Olives









Mount of Olives 1899



Jerusalem, c. A.D. 33 ... FROM the Mount of Olives



Jerusalem and the Temple of Herod by James Tissot (1836-1902)

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24:36-41 Be Reminded – No One Knows Hour

36 "Now concerning that day and hour no one knows—neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son—except the Father only.

Jesus then gives a hint of the TIMES and seasons ... the milieu ... the culture ...

37 As the days of Noah were, so the coming

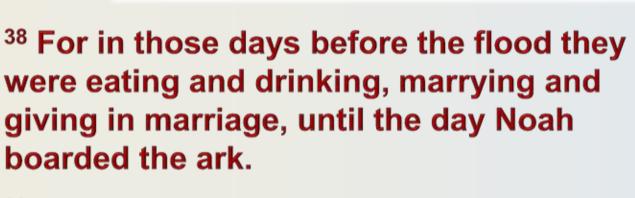
of the Son of Man will be.

What does that mean ...

Jesus tells us WHAT they were doing in those days

Days of Noah





24:36-41

Be Reminded – No One Knows Hour

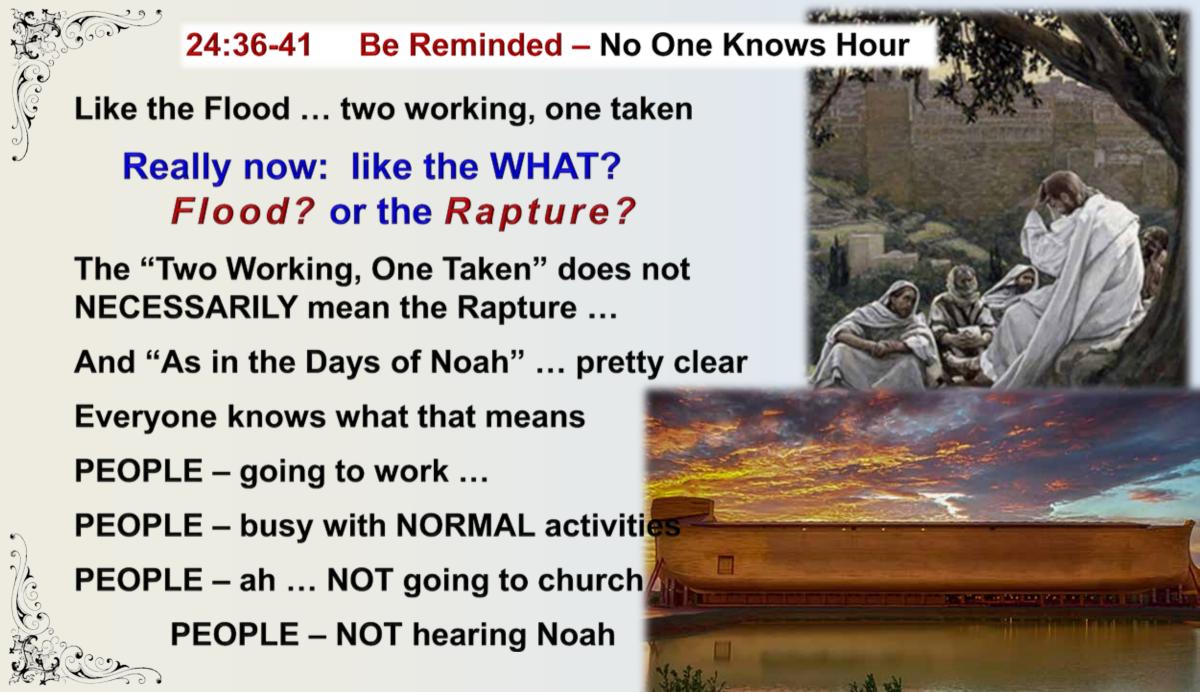
39 They didn't know until the flood came and swept them all away. So this is the way the coming of the Son of Man will be:

40 Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and one left.

⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and one left.

Really now: like the WHAT? Flood? or the Rapture?







42 Therefore be alert, since you don't know what day your Lord is coming.

What does that mean?

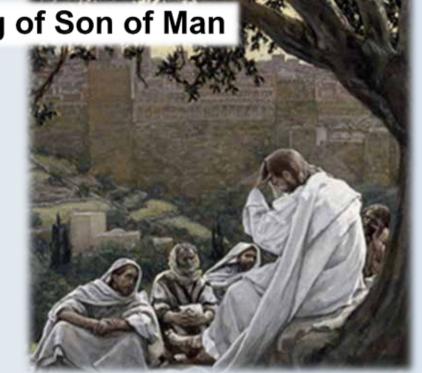
One real question surfaces ...

A confusing question ...

How under God's heaven can ANYONE ...

- ✓ Come up with a date?
- ✓ Why would they try?
- ✓ Who or what is responsible?

Strange things happen ...



The Parable:

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⁴⁴ This is why you also must be ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Why a "THIEF" ...

Parable has ONLY one or a few applications ...

THIEF ... the name of MANY a criminal



THIEF ... what is a THIEF?

We all know ... perhaps too well

THIEF comes to STEAL

We have MANY THIEVES ...

Many names ... Many KINDS of THIEVES

ü THIEF of Property – Burglar

ü THIEF of Personal Property – Robber

ü THIEF of Virtue – Rapist

ü THIEF of Life – Murderer

No One Likes the THIEF





The Parable:

24:42-44

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Why a "THIEF"?

Of ALL of the Parables of Jesus ... this one

IS THE EASIEST ... the SIMPLEST of ALL

No one MISUNDERSTANDS





The Parable – PURE PARABLE ...

NO ONE ... NONE ... NADA ... ZILCHO ...

NO ONE Misunderstood this to mean:

- ✓ That Jesus was a criminal
- ✓ That Jesus was a REAL Thief
- ✓ That Jesus was TAKING something that he should NOT take
- ✓ That Jesus meant in ANYWAY that the "THIEF" was a REAL THEIF

Purity of this Parable ... NO ONE ... NONE

NADA ... ZILCHO ... MISUNDERSTOOD



No one APPLIED every element of THIS parable

ALL understood ...

The Purest Easiest Parable of ALL

43 But know this: If the homeowner had known what time the thief was coming, he would have stayed alert and not let his house be broken into.

In ALL Parables, only one or FEW meanings

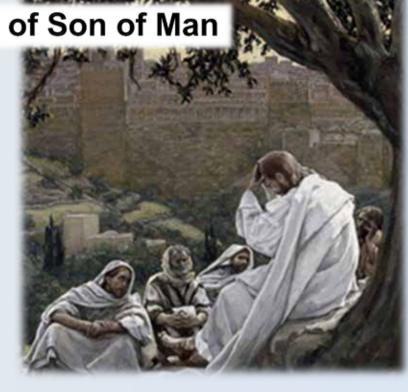
Test TIME: What is the Parable's MEANING?
... Selah ...

Yes ... Yes: BE PREPARED ... BE ALERT

There are a FEW other meanings, but ...

NO ONE ... NO ONE

MISUNDERSTOOD



The Purest Easiest Parable of ALL

43 But know this: If the homeowner had known what time the thief was coming, he would have stayed alert and not let his house be broken into.

EVERYONE understood IMMEDIATELY

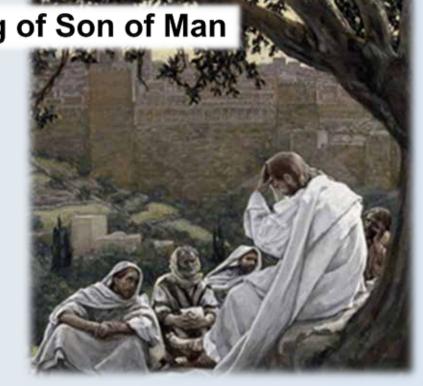
Jesus MEANT:

BE PREPARED ... BE ALERT

Also ... Jesus meant to reinforce:

NO ONE ... NONE ... Not a Single One

Knows the TIME!



24:42-44 Be Alert – Thief-like Coming of Son of Man

Then, to clarify ... even clarify the already

Purest Easiest Parable of ALL

Jesus INTERPRETS the Easiest Parable of ALL

- ✓ Talk about Giving the Answers to the Test
- ✓ Talk about Leaving NO STONE unturned
- ✓ Talk about Making the Gospel Crystal CLEAR

Jesus INTERPRETS the Easiest Parable of ALL

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24:42-44 Be Alert – Thief-like Coming of Son of Man

Paul actually HELPS us in 1 Thessalonians 5:1-1

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you,

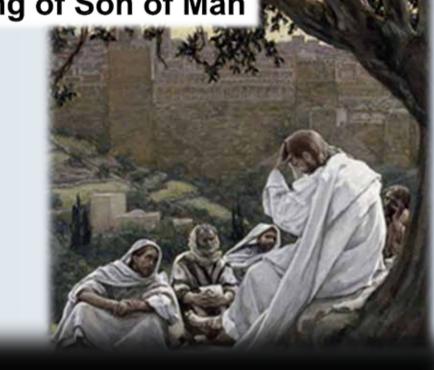
² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

"Thief in the Night"?

So how many comings will there be?

If two are in a field – that means **DAYTIME**

Now we have the "Thief in the Night"
No ... Nada ... NOT about the
the DAY or the NIGHT



Whether DAY or NIGHT

Like a THIEF

You will NOT know

Be Prepared

Jesus ... unlike the Pharisees and Sadducees

Jesus was Crystal CLEAR ... on His Coming

Jesus Reinterprets ... His Interpretation of the already Easiest Parable of ALL

45 "Who then is a faithful and sensible slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give them food at the proper time?

46 That slave whose master finds him working when he comes will be rewarded.

⁴⁷ I assure you: He will put him in charge of all his possessions.

Really? Triple Interpretation?

DAY or NIGHT

Like a THIEF

You will NOT know

Be Prepared

So, Jesus adds another SIMPLE Parable to

Reinterpret ... His Interpretation of the already Easiest Parable of ALL

Jesus Coming as a Thief

Easiest Parable of ALL ... No One Misses It

Knowing Jesus ...

NO Disciple thought Jesus like a REAL Thief

No Follower FAILED to see ... ALL KNEW

No THIEF was Jesus ... BUT HE WILL COME

Be a FAITHFUL Servant ... Be Prepared

Jesus goes on ... the Rest of the Story



Yet ... there is the OTHER side of His Coming

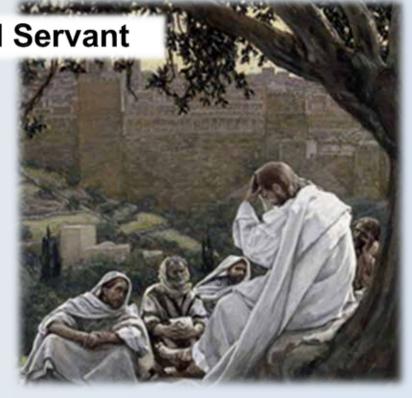
⁴⁸ But if that wicked slave says in his heart, 'My master is delayed,'

⁴⁹ and starts to beat his fellow slaves, and eats and drinks with drunkards,

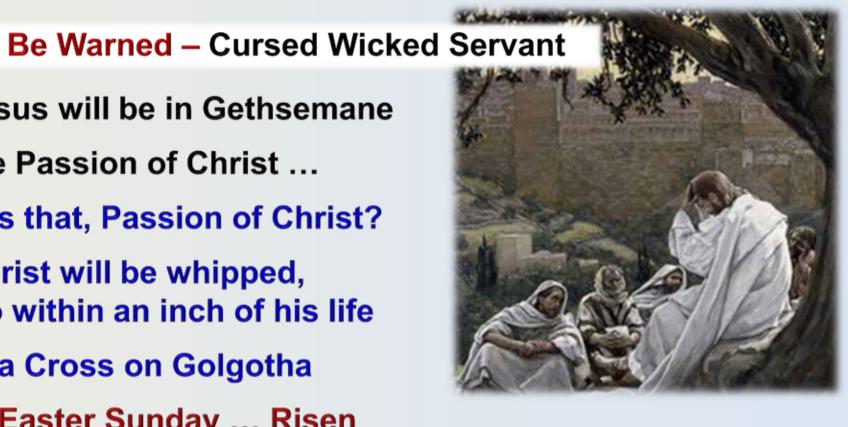
⁵⁰ that slave's master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know.

⁵¹ He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Jesus is Repeatedly CLEAR



24:48-51 In a short time, Jesus will be in Gethsemane In a short time, the Passion of Christ ... Why do we call it is that, Passion of Christ? In a short time, Christ will be whipped, mocked, beaten to within an inch of his life Then crucified on a Cross on Golgotha Buried ... then on Easter Sunday ... Risen Doing the BEST He can, Jesus repeats ... Jesus, the MASTER TEACHER ... repeats In Parable upon Parable ... again and again



Jesus says, Like a Thief ...

As in the Day of Noah ... working ...

LIVING ... side by side ...

Robert Emmet Winsett wrote a wonderful song

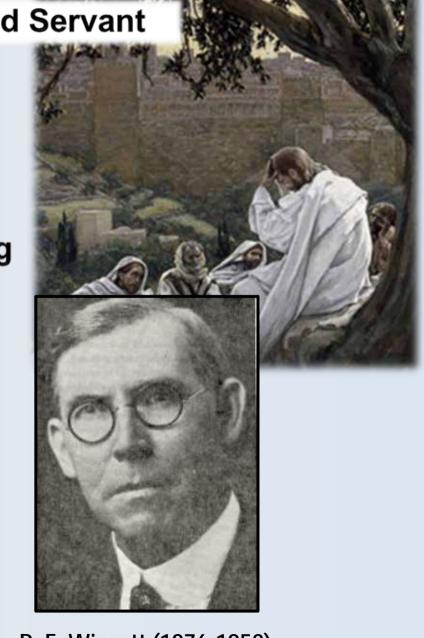
Jesus Is Coming Song ... in 1942 10 yrs before he passed ... to heaven

Winsett wrote 1,000+ gospel songs

Who's Who in the South and Southwest, 1947

Who's Who in Music, 1951

His last compilation, Best of All (1951) sold almost one million copies.



R. E. Winsett (1876-1952)

Jesus Is Coming Soon ... in 1942 Voted into Gospel Music Hall of Fame 1947

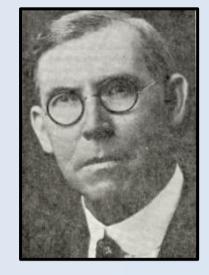
Overall, 10+ million of Winsett's books have been sold

Troublesome times are here, filling men's hearts with fear Freedom we all hold dear ... now is at stake

Humbling your hearts to God ... saves from the chastening rod Seek the way pilgrims trod, Christians awake

Jesus is coming soon, morning or night or noon Many will meet their doom, trumpets will sound

All of the dead shall rise, righteous meet in the skies Going where no one dies, heavenward bound



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Troubles will soon be o'er, happy forevermore When we meet on that shore, free from all care

Rising up in the sky, telling this world goodbye Homeward we then shall fly, glory to share

Oh, Jesus is coming soon, morning or night or noon Many will meet their doom, trumpets will sound

All of the dead shall rise, righteous meet in the skies Going where no one dies, heavenward bound

Jesus warned the Crooked Sadducees & Pharisees

Jesus warned us, pleading with us to be Prepared



R. E. Winsett (1876-1952)

So ... how can YOU be prepared ... ???

Oh, did you MISS that?

The Genius of the Master Teacher

The artistry in his Triple Interpretation

Jesus, not sly or tricky or complicated

Jesus, not beating around the bush

Jesus, the MASTER TEACHER ... Simple and Clear

Parable upon Parable ... gives us comfort ...

How can you be PREPARED?

Let's revisit that Jewel one last time



Jesus ... UNILKE the convoluting ...

Philosophically obtuse Pharisees and Sadducees

Not like those obfuscating Chief Killer Liars

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How to be Prepared?

Jesus ... Master Teacher

How to be prepared?

Be a good faithful servant ...

Be a good Churchman ... Churchwoman

Be a good Pastor, who LOVES the flock

Be a Good Christian, Loving God, Loving others

How to be prepared?

Be a Found BEING a Good Christian

Be Found CARING for the Household of Faith



Coming Like a Thief May We Be Found Faithful Working Hard to Love God & Others

Nazareth, 1842, The Holy Land, by David Roberts

FBC Woodville Sunday School Class Michael G. Maness



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