

Matthew Ch 23

Class for Mar 19, 2023

Matt Ch 23, and short ICYMI

Logos Class. Mod 5 Room 1

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *Feb 19, 2023 - Matthew Ch 19B & 20*
- ✓ *Feb 26, 2023 - Dealing w Persecution and Satan's Attacks*
- ✓ *Mar 5, 2023 - Matt Ch 21A – The Triumphal Entry*
- ✓ *Mar 12, 2023 - Matt Ch 21B-22*
- ✓ *Mar 19, 2023 – Matt Ch 23 and short ICYMI*
- *Mar 26, 2023 – Matt Ch 24A*
- *Apr 2, 2023. - Matt Ch 24B (Palm Sunday)*

April 9, 2023 – Resurrection Sunday

Before we start in Matt Ch 23

- *Thanks for praying for our class and others faithfully*
- *Short ICYMI on what is going on I am watching:*

Middle East

- *Israel itself with rising tension regarding judicial reform*
- *The increasing threat of terrorism across Israel*
- *Bomb in Megiddo. Signals a new front in the war*
- *Iran and the war drums beating loudly*

America

- *Digital currency move*
- *Stealth law changes through regulation*

Matt Ch 23:1-4 WARNING against Hypocrisy

23 *Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples:*

2 *“The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in **Moses’ seat.***

3 *So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they **do not practice what they preach.***

4 *They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on **other** people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.*

Matt Ch 23:5-7 Appearance Masks

5 “Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long;

6 they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues;

7 they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called ‘Rabbi’ by others.



Phylacteries, Talits, and Tefellin

Matt Ch 23:8-12 *Understanding who **we** are*

⁸ “But you are not to be called ‘Rabbi,’ for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers.

⁹ And do not call anyone on earth ‘father,’ for you have one Father, and he is in heaven.

¹⁰ Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Messiah.

¹¹ The greatest among you will be your servant.

¹² For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Matt Ch 23:13-15 *Seven Woes of the Pharisees*

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. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to.

[14] Mark 12:40 They devour widows’ houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.”

15 “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when you have succeeded, you make them twice as much a child of hell as you are.

Matt Ch 23:16-22 *Blind Guides*

16 “Woe to you, blind guides! You say, ‘If anyone swears by the temple, it means nothing; but anyone who swears by the gold of the temple is bound by that oath.’

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

18 You also say, ‘If anyone swears by the altar, it means nothing; but anyone who swears by the gift on the altar is bound by that oath.’

19 You blind men! Which is greater: the gift, or the altar that makes the gift sacred?

20 Therefore, anyone who swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on it.

21 And anyone who swears by the temple swears by it and by the one who dwells in it.

22 And anyone who swears by heaven swears by God’s throne and by the one who sits on it.

Matt Ch 23:23-26 *Inside and Outside*

23 “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.

24 You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel.

25 “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.

26 Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.

Matt Ch 23:27-28 **Dead bones and wicked**

27 “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like **whitewashed tombs**, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are **full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean.**

28 In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but, on the inside, you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.

Matt Ch 23:29-32 *Erasing your history?*

29 “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You build tombs for the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous.

30 And you say, ‘If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.’

31 So you testify against yourselves that you are the descendants of those who murdered the prophets.

32 Go ahead, then, and complete what your ancestors started!

Matt Ch 23:33-36 *Judgment falls on them*

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

34 Therefore I am sending you prophets and sages and teachers. Some of them you will kill and crucify; others you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town.

35 And so upon you will come all the righteous blood that has been shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Berekiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar.

36 Truly I tell you, all this will come on this generation.

Matt Ch 23:37-39. Desolation and Renewal

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.”

38 Look, your house is left to you desolate.

39 For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’

The Seven Woes of the Pharisees

1. *Matt 23:13* Preventing others from entering the Kingdom of Heaven and not entering yourselves.
2. *Matt 23:15* Converting people away from God to be like themselves.
3. *Matt 23:16-22* Blindly leading God's people to follow man-made rules instead of God's Word.
4. *Matt 23:23-24* Involving yourself in minute detail and missing the really important things; **Justice, Mercy, Faith**
5. *Matt 23:25-26* Keeping up appearances while private world is corrupt.
6. *Matt 23:27-28* Acting Spiritual to cover up Sin.
7. *Matt 23:29-36* Pretending to have learned from History only to show you have learned nothing.

For Next Week...

- *We will begin the study of Chapters 24 and 25 called the **Olivet Discourse***
- *Pray for our Country, State, County, and their leaders*
- *Pray for our Church, Pastors, and all members/visitors*
- ***Pray for FRC as we embark on a journey of Faith & Obedience***
- *Pray for Israel in her time of need*

God Bless you all

Thank God each day for the strength to continue...