

Logos Class – Gospel of Matthew

On-Campus and Zoom class for Oct 9, 2022

Matt. Ch 6B & 7A - Sermon on the Mount

Our next few weeks ...

- *Oct 9, 2022 – Matt 6B & 7A*
- *Oct 16, 2022 – Matt Ch 7B*
- *Oct 23, 2022 – Matt Ch 8*
- *Oct 30, 2022 – Matt Ch 9*
- *Nov 6, 2022 – Matt Ch 10*
- **>>> Nov 8, 2022 – Election Day – GO VOTE!!**

Our plan is to be here through the remainder of the year..

Linda Stewart has grounded us 😊

As we begin today, there are several things I want to say

- *Thank you to those of you who prayed for us when we were in Sanibel before the Hurricane Ian*
- *Big Thank you to Barry Hoover, Linda Stewart, Carroll Springer, and Rick Head for covering the teaching duties while we were out.*
- *I know many of you heard about the bus trip to Niagara Falls, and Amish Country + Sight and Sound theater – it was wonderful for all who went.*
- *Vicki and I are glad to be back home with all of you today and get back into a “normal” time.*

Today...We will cover these things

I know there have been many situations that have been prayed for over the past few weeks, and we continue that strong prayer time

My goals for today are:

- ***First, a discussion on what is going on in the world today, and what it may mean to us as Christians in this time of the Church Age. I will try and focus on things that jump out to me as things to watch.***
- ***Second, pick up in Matthew Chapter 6 and try to get us into Chapter 7 to complete the Sermon on the Mount discussion.***

We will not finish Chapter 7 today

Calling and Reminder

- *I believe I have 2 calls from the Lord that compel me to action*
 - *Teach the Bible with a view to discipleship and prophecy*
 - *Be a watchman on the wall*

It is in this watchman role that I will discuss the following

- ***Events in the Middle East**, especially Israel and the surrounding countries, but also those who threaten Israel and are called out in prophecy.*
- ***Events in Europe**, especially those which will lead to a One world governance, and one world church.*
- ***Events in America** that lead to the prophesied outcomes for America, and the Christian Church here.*
- ***Cross-Category Events** such as famine, deception, lawlessness, apostasy, rise in technology, catastrophic weather events, and pestilence and disease.*

Middle East and Israel

- *Iran is stepping up its support of Terror in the Middle East across all of the Sunni countries, plus Israel by proxy*
- *Iran is having problems at home and fighting insurrection among its young people and especially women. They are killing hundreds.*
- *Hamas and Hezbollah are trying to take over for the Palestinian Authority and increasing terror inside Israel targeting Jews specifically. Israel is responding with force.*
- *The specter of a nuclear Iran is causing high tension across the Middle East and beyond forcing some new alliances*
- *Israel's success with the Abraham Accords is defining an inner ring of peaceful nations with Israel, including Jordan and Egypt*

In Israel itself...

- *Israel is active in mitigating threats to their homeland*
- *Israel is preparing for the emergence of a new Temple on the Temple Mount*
- *One requirement is the Ashes of a Red Heifer...and now 3 have been produced in Texas and shipped to Israel to the Jews making preparation*

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

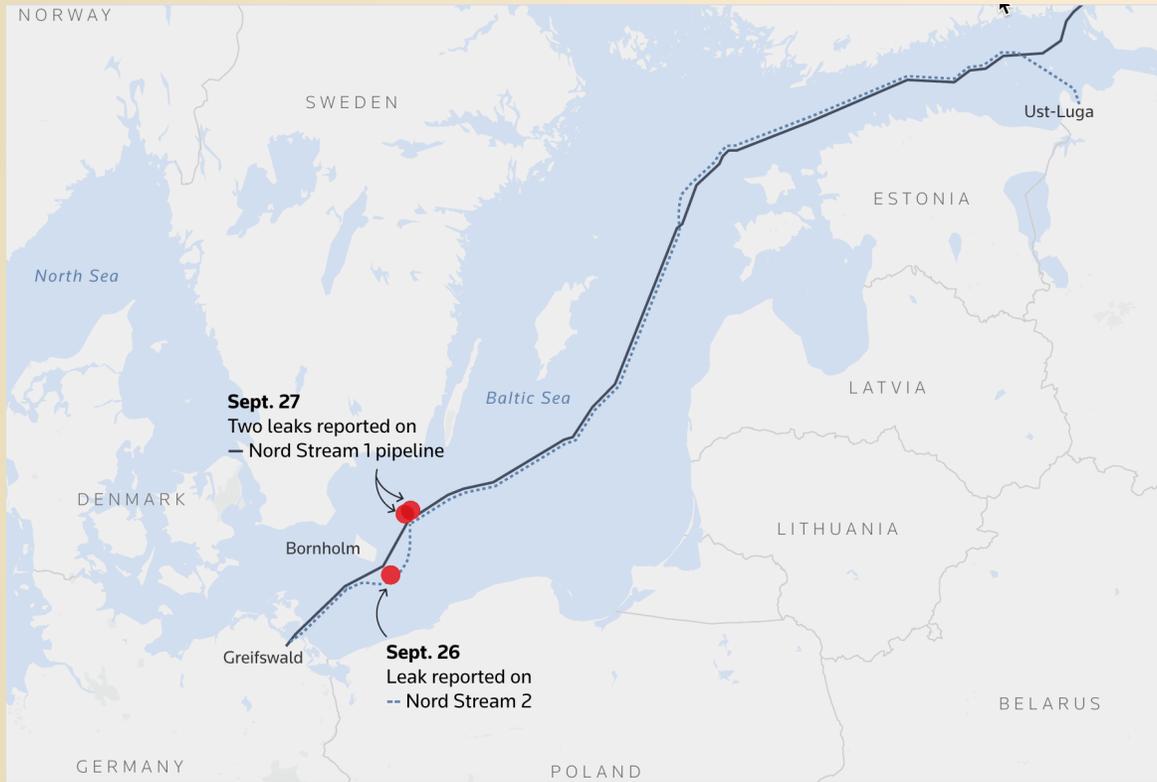
- *Israel is preparing for War plus...*
- *Israel is the Timepiece for the End times with the hour hand, minute hand, and second hand with Flashpoints everywhere*

Events in Europe

- *Europe is also engulfed in Chaos. There is lawlessness, inflation, gasoline shortages, heating gas shortages, Leadership in turmoil, and residual COVID situations that are causing much distress and ongoing illness.*
- *The war in Ukraine has taxed their resolve and economies to almost a breaking point.*
- *Energy crises with Russia which supplies most of their oil and natural gas are at a point where a “cold” winter will be felt by all citizens.*
- *Isolating Russia has been a game-changer for them. They are in internal turmoil over what Vladimir Putin will do.*
- *And then there is this...*

Two new events are rattling everyone's cages

- **Nordstream** pipelines in the Baltic sea have blown up



- **Saudi Arabia** has cut production of Crude Oil dramatically after President Biden asked them to increase it.

And then there is Russia...

- *Russia is moving nuclear bombers and launchers nearer Ukraine to bolster its threat of using **tactical** nuclear small-scale bombs to complete its takeover of the 4 provinces in Ukraine.*
- *One of their most advanced nuclear submarines has left its Port and has not been found to know where it is going.*
- *Their traditional ground forces are suffering demoralizing losses to Ukraine and Ukraine is retaking territory. This heightens the fear that Russia is being provoked into a decision process they take to turn this around.*
- *The destabilizing compulsory draft in Russia is fomenting fear among the people. A rising insurrection...*

The whole world is fearful of Russia's Next moves and how they will affect NATO, the US, the Middle East, and Asia

Is the US worried?

- *The US Press is not really covering this story with any alarm. They are too busy with Gender equity, abortion, and canceling God and His followers.*
- *Meanwhile, North Korea is firing missiles over Japan and flying its military planes on South Korea's border.*
- *China is locking up influence deals around the world and bullying Taiwan with threats*
- *But in the background, here is a headline from US News*

US NEWS

**US Buys \$290 Million Worth of
Drugs in Preparation for
Nuclear Emergencies**

What does it all mean?

- *It means that the events happening are coming both faster, and in every indicator of end times. Like birth pangs, the crescendo is beginning to peak.*
- *This is the **sign of Convergence** when all the signs are moving towards the conclusion of Biblical History.*
- ***Cultural Chaos** is being largely ignored by the American Church leading to a massive uptick in **Apostasy, Apathy, and Anti-Semitic actions.***
- ***Chess pieces are moving into place on the chessboard. Jesus is Coming and He is giving us all the signs to know it is near.***

Any Questions about what is going on?

- *I could not possibly cover all the issues happening, and in reality, I can't even keep up with them all.*
- *If you have any thoughts, however, I would love to hear them and will attempt to answer or at least give you my view of them.*
- *I will do another one of these in a few weeks, or even sooner if something breaks loose.*
- *Back to Matthew*

Matthew Ch 6:16-24

Fasting

16 “When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.

17 But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face,

18 so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Treasures in Heaven

19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

*22 “**The eye is the lamp of the body.** If your eyes are **healthy**, your whole body will be full of light.*

*23 But if your eyes are **unhealthy**, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!*

24 “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Matthew Ch 6:25-34

Do Not Worry

25 “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?”

26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life^[e]?

28 “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.

29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.

30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

31 So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’

32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Seven Reasons NOT to worry

1. *The same God who created life in you can be trusted with the details of your life (v25)*
2. *Worrying about the future hampers your ability to act today (v26)*
3. *Worrying does more harm than good (v27)*
4. *God does not abandon those who depend on Him (vv28-30)*
5. *Worry shows a lack of Faith, Trust, and understanding of God (vv31-32)*
6. *God has real work for us to do, and worry hinders us from doing it (v33)*
7. *Living each day as it comes keeps us from being consumed by worry (v34)*

7 *“Do not judge, or you too will be judged.*

2 *For **in the same way** you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, **it will be measured to you.***

3 *“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?*

4 *How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?*

5 *You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.*

Finally... *Please come back next week – Pray for:*

- *Our country and its leaders*
- *Our State, County, and their leaders*
- *Our schools, teachers, students, and parents*
- *Our Pastor and Staff and our security teams*
- *Our Pro-life ministries like Whispering Hope*
- *All the members of this class and the prayer requests*
- *Pray for yourself, that you will come closer to the Lord and follow His plan for your life*
- *Early Voting starts on the 16th I think... **Go VOTE***