

Presence of The Future Part 15

The Mystery of Preparation

Matthew 28:16-20

16 But the ELEVEN DISCIPLES proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated. 17 When THEY saw Him, THEY worshiped Him; but some were doubtful. 18 And Jesus came up and spoke to THEM, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with YOU always, even to the end of the age."

Mark 6:7-13

7 And He *summoned the twelve and began to send THEM out in pairs, and gave THEM authority over the unclean spirits; 8 and He instructed THEM that THEY should take nothing for THEIR journey, except a mere staff—no bread, no bag, no money in THEIR belt— 9 but to wear sandals; and He added, "Do not put on two tunics." 10 And He said to THEM, "Wherever YOU enter a house, stay there until YOU leave town. 11 Any place that does not receive YOU or listen to yYOU, as YOU go out from there, shake the dust off the soles of YOUR feet for a testimony against them." 12 THEY went out and preached that men should repent. 13 And THEY were casting out many demons and were anointing with oil many sick people and healing them.

Matthew 11:27

27 All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.

John 12:32

32 And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.”

John 6:44

44 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.

Matthew 10:7

7 And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’.....Lit has come near

Luke 12:35-59

35 “ Be dressed in readiness, and keep your lamps lit. 36 Be like men who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that they may immediately open the door to him when he comes and knocks. 37 Blessed are those slaves whom the master will find on the alert when he comes; truly I say to you, that he will gird himself to serve, and have them recline at the table, and will come up and wait on them. 38 Whether he comes in the second watch, or even in the third, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

39 “But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have allowed his house to be broken into.

40 You too, be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect.”

41 Peter said, “Lord, are You addressing this parable to us, or to everyone else as well?”

42 And the Lord said, “Who then is the faithful and sensible steward, whom his master will put in charge of his servants, to give them their rations at the proper time?

43 Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing (faithful and sensible) when he comes. 44 Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions. 45 But if that slave says in his heart, ‘My master will be a long time in coming,’ and begins to beat the slaves, both men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk;

46 the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and assign him a place with the unbelievers.

47 And that slave who knew his master's will and did not get ready or act in accord with his will, will receive many lashes, 48 but the one who did not know it, and committed deeds worthy of a flogging, will receive but few. From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.

49 "I have come to cast fire upon the earth; and how I wish it were already kindled! 50 But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is accomplished! 51 Do you suppose that I came to grant peace on earth? I tell you, no, but rather division; 52 for from now on five members in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three. 53 They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

54 And He was also saying to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming,' and so it turns out. 55 And when you see a south wind blowing, you say, 'It will be a hot day,' and it turns out that way. 56 You hypocrites! You know how to analyze the appearance of the earth and the sky, but why do you not analyze this present time?

57 "And why do you not even on your own initiative judge what is right? 58 For while you are going with your opponent to appear before the magistrate, on your way there make an effort to settle with him, so that he may not drag you before the judge, and the judge turn you over to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison. 59 I say to you, you will not get out of there until you have paid the very last cent."