

Sacred Space Point of View

The Gospel of Matthew Series (and John)

PREPARATION

Look, I am coming soon, bringing my reward with me to repay all people according to their deeds. Revelation 22:12

Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity. John 12:25

ADORATION and GRATITUDE

⁸ “My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the Lord.
“And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine.

⁹ **For just as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so my ways are higher than your ways
and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.** Isaiah 55

CONFESSION

² How long must I struggle with anguish in my soul,
with sorrow in my heart every day?
How long will my enemy have the upper hand?

³ **Turn and answer me, O Lord my God!
Restore the sparkle to my eyes, or I will die.** Psalms 13

MEDITATION & CONTEMPLATION — Matthew 16

²¹ From then on Jesus began to tell his disciples plainly that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, and that he would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead.

PRACTICE: IN SOLITUDE OR COMMUNITY

Read	Slowly, several times.
Reflect	How do I relate to this?
Respond	What is my next step of obedience?
Rest	Receive God’s healing and renewal.

²² But Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. “Heaven forbid, Lord,” he said. “This will never happen to you!”

²³ Jesus turned to Peter and said, “Get away from me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God’s.”

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me. ²⁵ If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. ²⁶ And

what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man will come with his angels in the glory of his Father and will judge all people according to their deeds.

ANCHORING PRAYER *“My life is Yours.”*

REVIEW OF THE HEART

- *What do I see from God’s point of view?*
- *What selfish ways do I need to give up?*

WISDOM

Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ and become one with him. Philippians 3:8-9a

I correct and discipline everyone I love. So be diligent and turn from your indifference. Revelation 3:19

May the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge, reward you fully for what you have done. Ruth 2:12

TESTIMONY *What is God saying to me?*

INTERCESSION *Prayers for the Church, others, and me.*

CLOSING PRAYER

**Teach me your ways, O Lord,
that I may live according to your truth!**

**Grant me purity of heart,
so that I may honor you.**

With all my heart I will praise you, O Lord my God.

**I will give glory to your name forever,
for your love for me is very great.**

You have rescued me from the depths of death. (Amen) Psalms 86:11-13

SACRED SPACE EVERY DAY

Become still and quiet before God.

Be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Pray for the Sacred Space Community.

Speak and act from a listening heart.