



## **The Gospel of Matthew - Week Seven**

### **A Rabbi To The End**

**Wednesday, May 27**

**6:30 PM-8:00 PM**

#### **Reading**

**Matthew 24:42 - Matthew 26:75**

#### **Opening Prayer**

#### **Questions to Consider**

1. The theme of Matthew 24:42-25:13 is spiritual preparedness. What does that mean for you? How do you achieve it?
2. Episcopalians are known for disliking harsh judgment stories, but in Matthew 25:31-46 we certainly have one. There is no hint of mercy or clemency. Forgiveness is in short supply and love appears to be entirely absent. How do you interpret this? Will you be sheep or goat?
3. It is common for people to say, "You will always have the poor among you," as if to suggest there is nothing that can be done to eliminate poverty. Interpret Matthew 26:11 in the light of Deuteronomy 15:11.
4. Eating human flesh and drinking blood was abomination to ancient Jews, and Jesus was Jewish. Matthew 26:26-30 is loved by Christians. How can you make sense of the two?
5. Matthew 26:31-75 is about unfaithfulness, lies, betrayal and denial. Is the shame of denying Jesus the end of the story? Does this story allow a path back to being faithful? How?

#### **What does this segment of Matthew mean for me today?**

#### **Introduction to Next Segment**

#### **Closing Prayer**