



The Gospel of Matthew - Week Six

Strong Teaching

Wednesday, May 20

6:30 PM-8:00 PM

Reading

Matthew 21:23 - Matthew 24:41

Opening Prayer

Questions to Consider

1. In the Parable of the Wicked Tenant Farmers (Matthew 21:33-46), Jesus tell wicked murderous tenants who even murder the son of landowner. He is understood to be speaking about some of the religious leaders of his day. Do we have such leaders in our day? Examples?
2. In Matthew 22:15-22, a trap is set for Jesus. Discuss this trap and how Jesus handles it. How does the answer of Jesus apply to us today?
3. Last week in our discussion of divorce, we say the Pharisees attempt to trap Jesus (Matthew 19:3-12). In that instance Jesus gave a legalistic answer. In Matthew 22:34-40, the Pharisees are once again setting a trap. Jesus gives a much different answer that is not legalistic. Discuss.
4. All of Chapter 23 is a critique of the religious leaders of the day, whom Jesus accuses of parading around to in fancy clothes, claiming titles of honor, and making outward shows of righteousness. Have things improved over the past two thousand years? How? How not?
5. Chapter 24 is an apocalypse, a prophesy about the end of time. How should we interpret it?

What does this segment of Matthew mean for me today?

Introduction to Next Segment

Closing Prayer