***The Olivet Discourse – Sermon Kit 201-5***

Jesus and His disciples were in the temple. After a tense encounter between Jesus and the Pharisees and a surprise declaration by Jesus, His disciples asked three questions:

1. When is the Temple going to be destroyed?
2. What are the signs of your return?
3. What are the signs of the world’s end?

The questions and Jesus’ subsequent answers happened on the Mount of Olives as He and His disciples were overlooking the Temple. This teaching is recorded in Matthew 24 and Matthew 25.

Sermon Kit 201 explores and explains Jesus’ teaching in the Olivet Discourse. It also gives application for today’s disciples. This section (**201-5**) of the kit covers **Matthew 25:14-30**.

Matthew 25 consists of three parables. This section covers the Parable of the Talents and the importance of investing for the Kingdom even in difficult times. The teaching sample deals with the following:

1. Investing in difficult days has always been difficult. It is also God’s desire.
2. All resources belong to God, and He can do what He will with them.
3. We have the responsibility of using God’s resources well.
4. We will have to give an accounting for how we used God’s resources.
5. God rewards according to what we did with His resources.
6. Our view of God will determine what we do with His resources.

Jesus’ does not desire to scare us but to prepare us for coming events. There is no hope for our world (the world system), but there is hope for the people who inhabit it. As the end approaches, Jesus wants us to give hope to dying people.

There are multiple parts to this sermon kit.

1. Introduction page – explains what is in the kit.
2. Sermon notes – a resource for the people to use as they take notes
3. Sermon outline – a resource for the pastor to use
4. Teaching sample – sermon text ideas
5. PowerPoint – graphics for media applications
6. Promotional helps – several resources to help promote the message
7. Further study #1 – Resources explaining parable interpretation
8. Further study #2 – Comparison and contrast of the Matt. 25 parables

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