

Southeast

CHRISTIAN CHURCH



WEEKEND MESSAGE NOTES

WELCOME TO SOUTHEAST

Southeast provides relational environments where you can find
Jesus, community, and purpose.

GET CONNECTED

God created us for community. If you are interested in serving, participating in a life group, or would like more information about an upcoming event, visit southeastcc.org or send an email to connect@southeastcc.org.

NEED PRAYER?

We are honored to pray with you or for you. Join us after services to pray with someone at southeastcc.org. You may also submit a prayer request at southeastcc.org/prayer.

INDICTMENT - DAY 3: CURSING OF THE FIG TREE

NOTES | 3.7.21

Matthew 23:1-7 New International Version | NIV

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: “The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. So, you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.

“Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called ‘Rabbi’ by others.”

The 7 Woes:

1. Shut the door to the Kingdom of Heaven, You do not enter and you will not let those who are trying to enter get in.
2. Devour widows' houses and make long prayers just for show.
3. Travel over land and sea to make one convert, and when you succeed, you make them twice the son of hell that you are.
4. Tithe, but leave justice, mercy, faithfulness.
5. Clean the outside but inside you are full of greed and self-indulgence
6. Whitewashed tombs
7. Build tombs for the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous and say you wouldn't have killed them, but in saying this you admit that you are family with people who killed prophets – go ahead and complete what your ancestors started.

Matthew 24:1-3 | NIV

Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings. "Do you see all these things?" he asked. "Truly I tell you, not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down."

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

Matthew 26:14-16 | NIV

Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests and asked, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?" So they counted out for him thirty pieces of silver. From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

Matthew 26:20-25 | NIV

When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me."

They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, "Surely you don't mean me, Lord?"

Jesus replied, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, "Surely you don't mean me, Rabbi?" Jesus answered, "You have said so."

Matthew 26:47–56 | NIV

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him." Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him.

Jesus replied, "Do what you came for, friend."

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. With that, one of Jesus' companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

"Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?"

In that hour Jesus said to the crowd, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

IMPLICATIONS

1. Even though Judas was one of the twelve disciples, he was no better than the Pharisees because of his need to push his own version of how circumstances should unfold.
2. God is under no obligation to honor any person's ideology of what the church should be; God only honors his agenda for the Kingdom.
3. Jesus' invitation is to let our agenda die so that resurrection can take its fullest place in our hearts and in the world.
4. There is just one ending. Because God is in control, we can let go of whatever steals our peace.



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IMPLICATIONS

1. **Even if you don't feel like you can influence thousands, you still have a role in the Kingdom of God.**
2. **One reason Life Groups are so important is that they give everyone an opportunity to be heard.**
3. **We must be careful not to let our church traditions get in the way of God's work in the world.**
4. **Accepting God's forgiveness is critical to our success as disciples.**



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