

Matthew
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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am
To be discussed –04/06/26

Matthew - Lesson 13
Matthew 10:24-11:1

1. Read Matthew 10:24-31. What is the emphasis in this section? (See vs. 26, 28, 31)

2. Why should Christians expect persecution? (vs. 24-25).

3. What reasons are taught in the following verses for Christians to not be afraid in spite of persecution?
 - vs. 26-27

 - vs. 28

 - vs. 29-31

4. Read Matthew 10:32-33, Romans 10:9-13. What should characterize every believer? What must not? What does it mean *to disown* Christ? (What about Peter's denial of Christ in Matt. 26:34, 69-75?) What does it mean to confess with your mouth *and* believe in your heart?

5. Read Matthew 10:34-36, Isaiah 9:6, Luke 2:14. Are these verses contradictory? Did Jesus come to bring peace or division? How would you reconcile them? Who/what is the source of conflict? Of peace?

6. Read Matthew 10:37-39. Who must we love supremely? What does it mean to *take up your cross and follow me*?

7. How would you explain v. 39? What is the paradox here? Who finds his life and who loses it?

8. Read Matthew 10:40-42. What encouragement is found in each of these verses?

9. Read Matthew 11:1. This is a transitional verse that concludes the second discourse and connects to the next section. Why did Jesus send out the twelve? What did he continue to do?