

Matthew
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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am
To be discussed –08/24/26

Matthew - Lesson 31
Matthew 23:1-39

1. Read Matthew 23:1-12. To whom is Jesus speaking in these opening verses? How should Christ's disciples behave in comparison to the behavior of the teachers of the law and the Pharisees? (Also consider Matthew 11:28-30 and Luke 18:9-14)

2. Matthew 23:13-32 contains seven woes pronounced against the teachers of the law and the Pharisees in Jerusalem. What was Jesus condemning them for doing in each of them?
 - vv. 13-14

 - v. 15

 - vv. 16-22

 - vv. 23-24

 - v. 25-26

 - vv. 27-28

 - vv. 29-32

3. How will the teachers of the law and Pharisees *fill up the measure of the sin of your forefathers*? To what is Jesus referring? (vv. 30-32)

4. Read Matthew 23:33-36. What is implied by calling them snakes and vipers? How do these verses reveal the justice of God?

5. Read Matthew 23:37-39. How do these verses reveal the heart of God? What do you think vv. 38-39 mean?