

Sermon Notes for June 15th 2025

Series: “Doing Things Jesus’s Way”

Message: “Living for the Least of These”

Sermon Text: **Matthew 25:31-46**; Old Testament Text: **Psalms 82:1-4**; New Testament Text: **1 John 3:16-18**. Read **Matthew 25:31-46 (below)** as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

Matthew 25:31-46: “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

1. When you read **Matthew 25:31**, how do you picture this scene?
2. How do you think you will feel on that day when you finally stand before Jesus in person?
3. Why do you think Jesus used sheep and goats to demonstrate the difference between those who had pleased the King and those who had displeased the King?
4. What’s the significance of the sheep being placed at the King’s right hand?
5. Of all the things the King commends the righteous for, which of these seem easiest for you to do?

6. Which of these things seem hardest for you to do?
7. Will this passage make you look at people in need differently from now on? Why or why not?
8. Is this passage telling us we must *earn* our way to heaven? What is it telling us?
9. What will you remember most from this message?