

SERMON NOTES
August 5, 2012
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Joining the Church
Matthew 25:31-40

Holy Week, Tuesday. The Olivet Discourse. Big surprises.

- Judgment (sheep and goats)
- Glory (glorious throne, all the angels)
- Deeds (you gave, you invited, you visited)
- Church (these brothers of mine)
Matthew 12:50 "For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother."

Matthew 10:40 "He who receives you receives Me"
- Hidden Realities (When did we see you?)
John 20:29b "Blessed *are* they who did not see, and *yet* believed."

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- * The poor will always have needs. Mark 14:7
 - * The church will always be meeting needs. Luke 4:18
 - * The church will always have needs.

"In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies,
but the silence of our friends."
—Martin Luther King

Philippians 1:3-5

³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, ⁵ in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now.

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³¹ "But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; ³³ and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left. ³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry, and you gave Me *something* to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me *something* to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; ³⁶ 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, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You *something* to drink? ³⁸ And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? ³⁹ When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' ⁴⁰ The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, *even* the least *of them*, you did it to Me.'