

**May 22–28. Joseph Smith—Matthew 1; Matthew 24–25; Mark 12–13; Luke 21:
“The Son of Man Shall Come”**

Joseph Smith—Matthew

Joseph Smith – Mathew is the same as JST Matt 24

The Prophet Joseph Smith made more corrections to Matthew 24 than to any other chapter in the New Testament. KJV Matthew 24 contains about 1,000 words, while JSM contains about 1,500.

There are two events discussed in Matthew 24 - those soon to follow the death of Christ and those that will take place before His second coming. A major difference between Matthew 24 and JS-M is that JS-M clearly separates the statements Jesus made concerning events that would take place in Jerusalem in the years shortly after His death (JS-M 1:5–20) from the events that would take place in the last days, prior to His Second Coming (JS-M 1:21–55).

The question from the disciples which prompted this discussion is clarified in JS-M and makes this separation clear

Matt 24:2 Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

JS-M 1:4 ...Tell us when shall these things be which thou hast said concerning the destruction of the temple, and the Jews; and what is the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world, or the destruction of the wicked, which is the end of the world?

According to JS-M 1:4 is what is meant by “the end of the world”?

(the destruction of the wicked, which is the end of the world)

Bruce R. McConkie

"The end of the world is the end of unrighteousness or of worldliness as we know it, and this will be brought about by ‘the destruction of the wicked.’ When our world ends and the millennial era begins, there will be a new heaven and a new earth. Lust, carnality, and sensuousness of every sort will cease, for it will be the end of the world.” (Mormon Doctrine, pg. 848)

Events Soon After the Death of Jesus

JS-M 1:5-11

5 And Jesus answered, and said unto them: Take heed that no man deceive you;
6 For many shall come in my name, saying—I am Christ—and shall deceive many;
7 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you, and ye shall be

hated of all nations, for my name's sake;
8 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another;
9 And many false prophets shall arise, and shall deceive many;
10 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold;
11 But he that remaineth steadfast and is not overcome, the same shall be saved.

What will cause many to be offended, deceived, afflicted, hated, and killed?

(many shall come in my name, saying...
they deliver you up to be afflicted
many false prophets shall arise)

Dallin H. Oaks

“One kind of deception seeks to mislead us about whom we should follow. In speaking of the last days, the Savior taught: ‘Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.’ In other words, many will seek to deceive us by saying that they or their teachings will save us, so there is no need for a Savior or His gospel. The Book of Mormon describes this as ‘the power of the devil, to lead away and deceive the hearts of the people ... to believe that the doctrine of Christ was a foolish and a vain thing’ (3 Nephi 2:2).” (CR, Oct. 2004)

What is promised to those who remain faithful during these times?

A good definition of 'endure to the end':

Matt 24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

JSM 1:11 But he that remaineth steadfast and is not overcome, the same shall be saved.

From Paul we learn about the deception that was taking place during his time

Philippians 3

18 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:
19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.

Colossians 2

8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.
18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

JS-M 1:12

12 When you, therefore, shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, concerning the destruction of Jerusalem, then you shall stand in the holy place; whoso readeth let him understand.

What is “the abomination of desolation”?

Bruce R. McConkie

“Daniel spoke prophetically of a day when there would be ‘the abomination that maketh desolate’ (Dan. 11:31; 12:11)....

“These conditions of desolation, born of abomination and wickedness, were to occur twice in fulfillment of Daniel’s words. The first was to be when the Roman legions under Titus, in 70 A.D., laid siege to Jerusalem, destroying and scattering the people, leaving not one stone upon another in the desecrated temple, and spreading such terror and devastation as has seldom if ever been equalled on earth” (Mormon Doctrine, pg. 12)

JS-M 1:18-20

18 For then, in those days, shall be great tribulation on the Jews, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, such as was not before sent upon Israel, of God, since the beginning of their kingdom until this time; no, nor ever shall be sent again upon Israel.

19 All things which have befallen them are only the beginning of the sorrows which shall come upon them.

20 And except those days should be shortened, there should none of their flesh be saved; but for the elect’s sake, according to the covenant, those days shall be shortened.

Ezra Taft Benson

“Referring to a history written by Will Durant, said: ‘The siege of Jerusalem under Titus [lasted] for 134 days, during which 1,110,000 Jews perished and 97,000 were taken captive... The Romans destroyed 987 towns in Palestine and slew 580,000 men, and a still larger number, we are told, perished through starvation, disease, and fire.’” (CR, April 1950)

What historical evidence do we have that this destruction was “only the beginning of the sorrows” of the Jewish people?

Events Prior to Christ's Second Coming

Note that when we read about the events that will occur before His second coming we will often come across the phrase “and again”, meaning that these events also occurred after His death.

Now the Lord starts discussing the events of His second coming

JS-M 1:21-22

21 Behold, these things I have spoken unto you concerning the Jews; and again, after the tribulation of those days which shall come upon Jerusalem, if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there, believe him not;

22 For in those days there shall also arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders, insomuch, that, if possible, they shall deceive the very elect, who are the elect according to the covenant.

What event is mentioned here that will occur again before Christ's 2nd coming?

Bruce R. McConkie

“A false Christ is not a person. It is a false system of worship, a false church, a false cult that says: ‘Lo, here is salvation; here is the doctrine of Christ. Come and believe thus and so, and ye shall be saved.’ It is any concept or philosophy that says that redemption, salvation, sanctification, justification, and all of the promised rewards can be gained in any way except that set forth by the apostles and prophets” (The Millennial Messiah: The Second Coming of the Son of Man, pg. 48)

How do we keep from being deceived by the many false teachings among us?

Harold B. Lee

“Unless every member of this Church gains for himself an unshakable testimony of the divinity of this Church, he will be among those who will be deceived in this day when the ‘elect according to the covenant’ are going to be tried and tested. Only those will survive who have gained for themselves that testimony.” (CR, Oct. 1950)

Jesus makes it clear that when He comes again it will be as clear to everyone as the rising of the sun

JS-M 1:23-27

23 Behold, I speak these things unto you for the elect’s sake; and you also shall hear of wars, and rumors of wars; see that ye be not troubled, for all I have told you must come to pass; but the end is not yet.

24 Behold, I have told you before;

25 Wherefore, if they shall say unto you: Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: Behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not;

26 For as the light of the morning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west, and covereth the whole earth, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be.

27 And now I show unto you a parable. Behold, wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together; so likewise shall mine elect be gathered from the four quarters of the earth.

What do you think Jesus is trying to teach us with the Parable of the Eagles?

(so likewise shall mine elect be gathered from the four quarters of the earth)

Hugh Nibley

“The manner of the gathering, we are told, will be in the same miraculous and mysterious way as the gathering of eagles to a carcass lying in the desert—they appear suddenly and inexplicably in the four quarters of the sky and come together from vast distances to that single spot.” (The Prophetic Book of Mormon, pg. 472)

Many of the events that happened after His death will also happen before His second coming. Note how Jesus references some of these events with the phrase, “And again”

JS-M 1:28-33

28 And they shall hear of wars, and rumors of wars.

29 Behold I speak for mine elect’s sake; for nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

30 And again, because iniquity shall abound, the love of men shall wax cold; but he that shall not be overcome, the same shall be saved.

31 And again, this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world, for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come, or the destruction of the wicked;

32 And again shall the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, be fulfilled.

33 And immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

The events discussed in this passage

28: wars, and rumors of wars

29: famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

30: the love of men shall wax cold;

31: this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world,

32: the abomination of desolation (2nd time)

33: sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,
and the stars shall fall from heaven

What will cause the love of many to “wax cold”?

Theodore M. Burton

“True love is based on personal unselfishness, but our modern world does not seem to understand this. Modern man has lost his capacity to love. Jesus warned us that one of the principal characteristics of the last days would be that love among the people would gradually die.... The iniquity of which he spoke is based on personal selfishness. That is the reason why love among

the people is dying....

“It may well be that the present attitude of personal selfishness is the cause of most of the unhappiness with life among the people of the world.” (CR, April 1979)

JS-M 1:37

37 And whoso treasureth up my word, shall not be deceived, for the Son of Man shall come, and he shall send his angels before him with the great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together the remainder of his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

With so much deception and iniquity in the last days, how can we keep from being deceived?

Aileen H. Clyde

“What will make it not possible for his disciples to be deceived is the capacity to discern the voice of truth from among all others that ask for our obedience. The word of God given us in scripture is, indeed, an iron rod which leads us on the path to eternal life. There the truth is spelled out; it can be held on to.... The Spirit must witness these things to us, make us recognize them as true—as of God.” (CR, Oct. 1995)

JS-M 1:38-43

38 Now learn a parable of the fig tree—When its branches are yet tender, and it begins to put forth leaves, you know that summer is nigh at hand;
39 So likewise, mine elect, when they shall see all these things, they shall know that he is near, even at the doors;

What is the lesson form the Parable of the Fig Tree?

Harold B. Lee

“He said, when the fig tree ‘begins to put forth leaves, you know that summer is nigh at hand.’...

“He gave them certain signs by which they might know that his coming was nigh, even at their very doors....

“Brothers and sisters, this is the day the Lord is speaking of. You see the signs are here. Be ye therefore ready....

“Let us not turn a deaf ear now, but listen to these as the words that have come from the Lord, inspired of him, and we will be safe on Zion’s hill, until all that the Lord has for his children shall have been accomplished.” (CR, Oct. 1973)

The wickedness of the last days will be similar to the wickedness at the time of Noah

JS-M 1:40-43

40 But of that day, and hour, no one knoweth; no, not the angels of God in heaven, but my Father only.

41 But as it was in the days of Noah, so it shall be also at the coming of the Son of Man;

42 For it shall be with them, as it was in the days which were before the flood; for until the day that Noah entered into the ark they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage;

43 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be.

Neal A. Maxwell

“It is no accident that the scriptures have preserved for us certain precious insights about the times in which Noah lived. Those were times, we read, that were ‘filled with violence’ (Genesis 6:11), and corruption abounded. There was apparently a sense of self-sufficiency, a condition to which Jesus called attention. Jesus said this condition would be repeated in the last days. The people of Noah’s time were desensitized to real dangers. So we may become in our time. Noah and those with him had to let go of their world or perish with it!” (Wherefore, Ye Must Press Forward, pg. 13)

JS-M 1:46-48

46 And what I say unto one, I say unto all men; watch, therefore, for you know not at what hour your Lord doth come.

47 But know this, if the good man of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to have been broken up, but would have been ready.

48 Therefore be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh.

What do we learn from the Parable of the Thief in the Night?

(Therefore be ye also ready)

Bruce R. McConkie

“The righteous will be able to read the signs of the times. To those in darkness he will come suddenly, unexpectedly, ‘as a thief in the night,’ but to ‘the children of light’ who ‘are not of the night, nor of darkness,’ as Paul expressed it, that day will not overtake them ‘as a thief.’ They will recognize the signs as certainly as a woman in travail foreknows the approximate time of her child’s birth (1 Thess 5:1–6).” (Mormon Doctrine, pg. 688)

Message from the First Presidency

“Each passing year brings us nearer the date of the Lord’s coming in power

and glory. True, the hour and the day when this great event is to take place, no man knoweth; but all the promised signs indicate that it is not far distant. Meanwhile the duty of the Saints is to watch and work and pray, being valiant for truth, and abounding in good works. Despite the uneasiness and discontent in many parts of the earth, the suspicions and jealousies among the nations, the mounting wave of lawlessness and crime, and the seeming spread of the elements of destruction... those who continue to stand in holy places can discern through it all the handworking of the Almighty in consummation of His purposes and in furtherance of His will. That which, viewed with the natural eye, is portentous and dreadful, causes no apprehension to those who have faith that whatever happens, the Lord God omnipotent reigneth” (Messages of the First Presidency, 1927, 5:256)

Parable of the Ten Virgins

This chapter 25 is a continuation of talking to His disciples about His second coming and being prepared for it

Matt 25:1-13

1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

What does the bride, bridegroom, and marriage feast represent?

James E. Talmage

“The Bridegroom is the Lord Jesus; the marriage feast symbolizes His coming in glory, to receive unto Himself the Church on earth as His bride.”
(Jesus the Christ, pg. 578)

What does the lamp and oil represent?

James E. Talmage

“The lighted lamp, which each of the maidens carried, is the outward profession of Christian belief and practice; and in the oil reserves of the wiser ones we may see the spiritual strength and abundance which diligence and devotion in God’s service alone can insure. The lack of sufficient oil on the part of the unwise virgins is analogous to the dearth of soil in the stony field, wherein the seed readily sprouted but soon withered away.” (Jesus the Christ, pg. 578)

Bruce R. McConkie

"The oil-filled lamps are symbolic of the Holy Spirit which lights the way before the saints." (Doctrinal New Testament Commentary 1:684)

Marvin J. Ashton

“The responsibility for having oil in our personal lamps is an individual requirement and opportunity. The oil of spiritual preparedness cannot be shared. The wise were not unkind or selfish when they refused oil to the foolish in the moment of truth. The kind of oil needed by all of us to light up the darkness and illuminate the way is not shareable. The oil could have been purchased at the market in the parable, but in our lives it is accumulated by righteous living, a drop at a time.” (CR, April 1974)

Who do the ten virgins represent?

Bernard P. Brockbank

“Take note that the Lord was not talking about five thieves and sinners and five good people; he was talking about ten virgins, ten pure people who believed in God and had a desire to enter into the kingdom of heaven. The five foolish virgins had failed to prepare. Their lights were out; they were in darkness. Their urgent pleas and hasty preparation were not sufficient, and they heard these words from the lips of their God: ‘I know you not.’

“What a shame to be clean and yet unprepared! What a tragedy to fail in service to God and in helping to build his kingdom on earth as it is in heaven! What a shame to be in darkness when the light of Christ has been made possible for everyone!” (CR, Oct. 1972)

What will become of those who have not kept their lamps full when the bridegroom comes?

D&C 45:56-59

56 And at that day, when I shall come in my glory, shall the parable be fulfilled which I spake concerning the ten virgins.

57 For they that are wise and have received the truth, and have taken the Holy Spirit for their guide, and have not been deceived—verily I say unto

you, they shall not be hewn down and cast into the fire, but shall abide the day.

58 And the earth shall be given unto them for an inheritance; and they shall multiply and wax strong, and their children shall grow up without sin unto salvation.

59 For the Lord shall be in their midst, and his glory shall be upon them, and he will be their king and their lawgiver.

D&C 63:54

And until that hour there will be foolish virgins among the wise; and at that hour cometh an entire separation of the righteous and the wicked; and in that day will I send mine angels to pluck out the wicked and cast them into unquenchable fire.

How do you think the wise believers in Christ can keep their “lamps full”?

Spencer W. Kimball

“In the parable, oil can be purchased at the market. In our lives the oil of preparedness is accumulated drop by drop in righteous living. Attendance at sacrament meetings adds oil to our lamps, drop by drop over the years. Fasting, family prayer, home teaching, control of bodily appetites, preaching the gospel, studying the scriptures—each act of dedication and obedience is a drop added to our store. Deeds of kindness, payment of offerings and tithes, chaste thoughts and actions, marriage in the covenant for eternity—these, too, contribute importantly to the oil with which we can at midnight refuel our exhausted lamps.” (Faith Precedes the Miracle, pg. 256)

Victor L. Brown

“We also learn from the parable that preparation necessary to help them meet the immediate circumstances was a simple, everyday task. The arrival of the bridegroom did not require unusual or elaborate preparation. Our preparation should be deliberate and structured to meet today’s problems. We should prepare ourselves one step at a time as the Lord so inspires us.” (CR, Oct. 1982)

Parable of the Talents

Matt 25:14-30

14 ¶ For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

17 And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord’s

money.

19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.

23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:

25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

What is a talent?

Bruce R. McConkie

Here in the Parable of the Talents we find the Lord Jesus counseling his apostles, his ministers, those called into his divine service, to use every talent, ability, strength, energy, and capacity in the Master's service. "O ye that embark in the service of God, see that ye serve him with all your heart, might, mind and strength." (D&C 4:2)...

[Delivered unto them his goods] Gave them a stewardship over the affairs of his earthly kingdom. (DNTC 1:687,688)

So talents are abilities and responsibilities that are to be used to strength the Lords kingdom.

How do we obtain talents?

They are gifts

1Cor 12:4,8-11

[4] Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

[8] For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

[9] To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

[10] To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

[11] But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

Bruce R. McConkie

“Men are not born equal. Each person in this life is endowed with those talents and capacities which his pre-earth life entitle him to receive. Some by obedience to law acquire one talent and some another in pre-existence, and all bring with them into mortality the talents and capacities acquired there.” (DNTC 1:688)

What does the Lord expect us to do with our talents?

Joseph Smith

“Our Master is absent only for a little season, and at the end of it He will call each to render an account; and where the five talents were bestowed, ten will be required; and he that has made no improvement will be cast out as an unprofitable servant, while the faithful will enjoy everlasting honors.

Therefore we earnestly implore the grace of our Father to rest upon you, through Jesus Christ His Son, that you may not faint in the hour of temptation, nor be overcome in the time of persecution.” (TPJS, pg. 68)

James E. Faust

“If their talents are used to build the kingdom of God and serve others, they will fully enjoy the promises of the Savior. The great promise of the Savior is that they ‘shall receive [their] reward, even peace in this world, and eternal life in the world to come’ (D&C 59:23).” (CR, April 1994)

(Use them to strength the Lords kingdom.)

What is promised to those who do? (v 21, 23)

[21] His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

D&C 124:113 And when he shall prove himself faithful in all things that shall be entrusted unto his care, yea, even a few things, he shall be made

ruler over many;

Bruce R. McConkie

“In this mortal Sphere those called to the Lord's ministry labor in limited spheres only - as quorum presidents, as bishops, as apostles... or in other capacities. How gratifying it is to learn, therefore, the eternal principle that those servants who are faithful over a few things shall be made rulers over many in the realms to be.” (DNTC, 1:688)

The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats

Matt 25:31-46

31 ¶ When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

The scriptures have many reference on how believes should treat others. His summery here seems to be, "If you love me enough to help me then help those whom I love"

Marion D. Hanks

“Jesus taught his followers the parable of the sheep and the goats, representing the judgment to come, in which he clearly identified those who will inherit ‘life eternal’ and those who will ‘go away into everlasting punishment.’ (Matt. 25:46.) The key difference was that those who should inherit the kingdom with him had developed the habit of helping, had experienced the joy of giving and the satisfaction of serving—they had responded to the needs of the hungry, thirsty, homeless, the naked, the sick, and those in prison.” (“The Royal Law,” Ensign, May 1992)