

▼ **What Have You Done For Me Lately? - Part 3**

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- **Read the Passage: Matthew 25:31-46**

▼ **Overall Exegetical Idea**

- What you do or don't do for his body, you do or don't do for Jesus.

▼ **Determine Sermon's Purpose (what listeners should do)**

- Be ready for his return
- Be productive with what he gives us
- Be faithful in caring for his body
- Don't be passive or a spectator. Be intentional, purposeful, and make plans.

▼ **Be ready for his return**

- In the Parable of the Ten Virgins (Matthew 25:1-13) Jesus teaches that his followers must be faithful in readiness (i.e. keep watch).
- Without your lamp burning (Matthew 5:13-16) you can't be a part of the procession pointing to the bridegroom.

▼ **Be productive with what he gives us**

- in the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30) Jesus teaches that his followers must be faithful in productivity.

▼ **Be faithful in caring for his body**

▼ Who are "these brothers of mine"?

- Matthew 12:46-50
- Mark 3:20-35

▼ The nations are being judged by how they treat Jesus' followers

- A prophet's reward - Matthew 10:26-42
- A cup of cold water - Mark 9:38-41
- People who genuinely receive followers of Jesus are on the path to becoming followers of Jesus themselves.

▼ Jesus identifies with his body.

- Jesus is present in his body. What we do or fail to do for followers of Jesus, we do or fail to do for Jesus.

- In the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats (Matthew 25:31-46) Jesus teaches that his followers must be faithful in caring for his body.
 - Human beings are God's image-bearers. We represent God to the rest of creation and therefore to each other.
 - Believers are often subject to persecution for proclaiming the Good News. As a result, they may become hungry, thirsty, displaced, naked, sick, or imprisoned. Don't abandon them!
- **Don't be passive or a spectator. Be intentional, purposeful, and make plans.**
- ▼ **Discussion:**
- Have you ever known followers of Jesus who were hungry, thirsty, a stranger, in need of clothes, sick, or in prison? How did you help?
 - Have you ever experienced these needs? How did other followers of Jesus help you?
 - Have you ever experienced persecution as a result of following Jesus? What happened? How did you respond? What help did you get?
 - Do you know anyone who has experienced persecution as a result of following Jesus? What happened? How did you help?
- **Questions & Answers**