

**Where is Jesus?**  
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Matthew 25:31-46  
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Synopsis:

It is not often that we get a chance to see our life clearly, so clearly that we are compelled to change. In this last sermon of Jesus, Jesus shows us future judgment, the separation of people based upon how they accept Christ in others. It is a bracing scene, to tell us what is going to happen, and to offer us the opportunity to change.

**I.**

**A Choice for Disciples**

Flow of Matthew's Gospel:

Sermon on Mount (5-7)

Sermon on the End (24-25) Mount of Olives 24:3

3 parables of alertness:

Unfaithful slave = be alert!

Bridesmaids = be alert!

Talents = be alert!

Prediction of Judgment: 31-46

-Sheep vs. Goats = Palestine shepherd

-Son of Man = Daniel 7 over nations

-King = Rule of God on earth (Lord's Prayer)

End of all things is not unity but separation:

-Don't like this Jesus!

-God give us a choice, which matters

-C.S. Lewis *Great Divorce*

People choose to be in heaven or hell

- In the end, 2 kinds of people:
  - Who say to God, “Thy will be done”
  - To whom God says, “Thy will be done”

## II.

### A Choice for Us

My Life: *Breakthrough* last weekend

- Breakthrough in relationships: family and church
- 4 days of feedback on how I come across
- Feelings: Pain, joy, confusion, anger
- Live in a story that serves comfort and control
  - e.g. Task, no emotions, conceit
  
- Given an opportunity to change, to be different with people

\*What about your life?

Are you stuck in a story that doesn't work?

Geneva's Life: Refocus this year

- Examine our story
- Retreat this weekend
- 4 major initiatives, to be different with people
  - Start in September:
    - Aliso Viejo families (Via Iglesia)
    - Seniors across the street and inside walls
    - Discipling those who go
    - Taking worship to care facilities and others
  
- Goal = not church recruitment (about us)
  - = kingdom, give ourselves to Christ in others

Listen to Paul's portrait of Jesus in Philippians:  
Go to Phil 2:5-11, p. 240

We/I have a choice:

We say, "Thy will be done!"

God says, "Thy will be done!"