

MATTHEW

January 16, 2022

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QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What is “that day” in question (v. 22)? (What makes this day so important?)

2. What do the people in this scenario have going for them? What seems right?

How significant are their accomplishments (v. 22)?

What do their deeds really amount to or *not* amount to (vv. 21, 23)?

4. What is your initial reaction to reading the words, “Not everyone who says to Me, “Lord, “Lord,” will enter the kingdom of heaven” (v. 21)?

How is this to be understood in light of Acts 2:21 & Romans 10:9?

5. How shocking is it that, on Judgment Day, *many* will profess one thing but Jesus will declare another thing (vv. 22-23)?

6. What does it mean that the Lord says, “I never knew you” (v. 23)?

- 2 Timothy 2:9
- Galatians 4:9

What light does vv. 15-20 shed on the scenario of vv. 21-23?

7. What is suggested by the rebuff, “depart from Me” (v. 23)?

8. What *is* necessary to enter the kingdom of heaven (v. 21)?

How is this to be understood in light of Ephesians 2:8-10?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will prioritize the will of the Father this week by . . .

I will pursue the will of the Father this week by . . .