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# Sometimes I have no idea whats going on.

Ray Lewis



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#### Matthew 25

#### Three parables:



Ten Bridesmaids



Bags of Gold



Sheep & Goats



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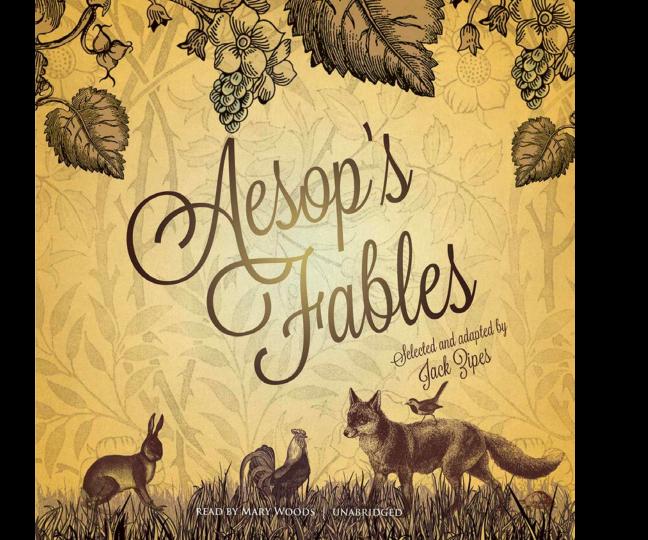
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Our lifelong nostalgia, our longing to be reunited with something in the universe from which we now feel cut off, to be on the inside of some door which we have always seen from the outside, is no mere neurotic fancy, but the truest index of our real situation. And to be at last summoned inside would be both glory and honour beyond all our merits and also the healing of that old ache."





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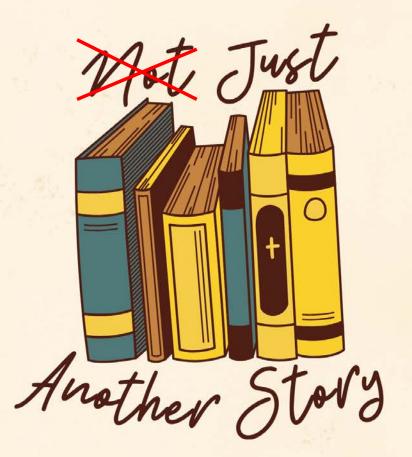
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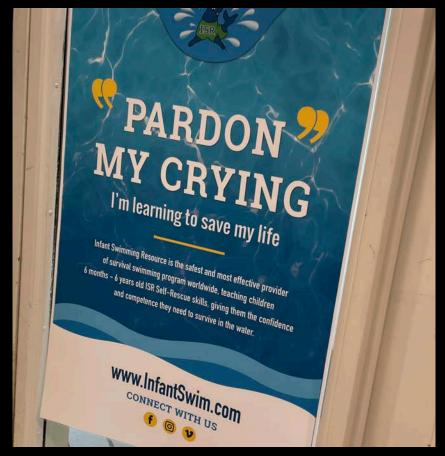
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#### ISR: Infant Self Rescue

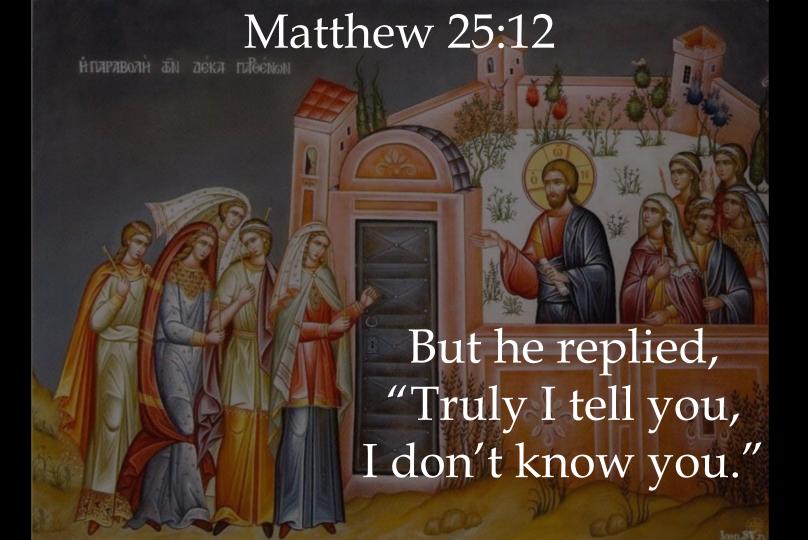




# Ephesians 2:1-3

<sup>1</sup>As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

Dead is when you're trying to earn your salvation or designing your own. Dead is when God is never more than an abstraction or idea. Dead is when we don't know God as father but only as boss or vague influence."



#### Isaiah 62:4-5

- <sup>4</sup> No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate... for the LORD will take delight in you, and your land will be married.
  - <sup>5</sup> As a young man marries a young woman, so will your Builder marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

<sup>1</sup>"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them...

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#### Matthew 25

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Ten Bridesmaids



Talents



Sheep & Goats

#### Matthew 26-28

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, <sup>2</sup> "As you know, the Passover is two days away—and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified."

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## John 2:19-22

- <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."
- <sup>20</sup> They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But the temple he had spoken of was his body.
- <sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.





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# The Cross from a Distance

Atonement in Mark's Gospel



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The cross was the great distress promised by Daniel before the resurrection day (Dan. 12:1). It was the culmination of all the beastly struggles for power that have afflicted this world with so much pain. The Messiah came into this world, and the Jewish people went out to meet him with the swords and clubs that have so often been wielded in our world as kingdom rises against kingdom. They handed him over to the Gentiles, who received him by ending his life on the cross. This was the end of the world."

In that great distress, the Son of God suffered more than any other human has ever suffered. The suffering of the world was placed upon his shoulders. Anyone and everyone who has suffered in this world of the beasts can know that Jesus understands. He died as part of the pain of this world, in solidarity with the pain of this world...This great distress has ushered in the resurrection from the dead for all who put their faith in the glorious Son of Man."

O all who pass by, behold and see; Man stole the fruit, but I must climb the tree; The tree of life to all, but me: Was ever grief like mine?

Oh all who pass by, whose eyes and mind To worldly things are sharp, but to me blind; To me, who took eyes that I might you find: Was ever grief like mine?

Without me each one, who doth now be brave, Had to this day been an Egyptian slave. They use that power against me, which I gave:

Was ever grief like mine?

But, O my God, my God!
why do you leave me,
The Son, in whom
you do delight to be?
My God, my God -----

Never was grief like mine.

This was the end of the world. For those who put their faith in Christ, the future no longer depends on the vicissitudes of human politics or religion. The security of the world is not found within the system of the beasts. Human culture is no answer to world anxiety, because it has no answer to our mortality. The future is in the hands of the Son of Man, and that future is resurrection from the dead and the glorious kingdom of God. When people began to live by faith in Christ, it led to further clashes with human culture. It always will.

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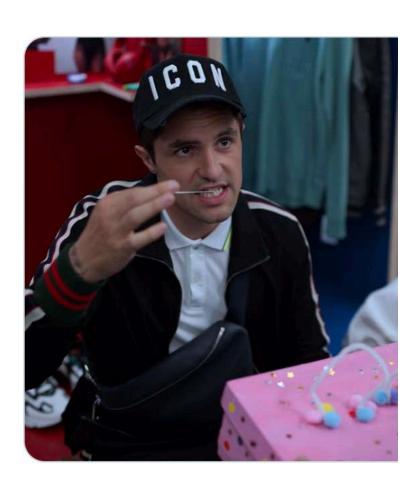
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## John 3:29-30

<sup>29</sup> The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. 30 He must become greater; I must become less.







## Gospel Application

Do you know the groom?