

Study Guide on Matthew 23:1-4, 23-26 **New Revised Standard Version**

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

(Matthew 23:1) Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples,

(Matthew 23:2) “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat;

(Matthew 23:3) therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach.

(Matthew 23:4) They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them.

(Matthew 23:23) “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint, dill, and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. It is these you ought to have practiced without neglecting the others.

(Matthew 23:24) You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel!

(Matthew 23:25) “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.

(Matthew 23:26) You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup, so that the outside also may become clean.”

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned below.

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?