THE SHEEP AND THE GOATS

Matthew 25:31–46

Key Verse: 25:40

1. How does Jesus describe his Second Coming, and what does it mean that he will sit on “his glorious throne”? (31; cf. 19:28) What will happen at that time, and what does it mean that people will be identified as either sheep or goats? (32,33)
2. How is Jesus described in verse 34a, and why? How will he address those on his right, and what is their inheritance? (34b) What does it mean that it was “prepared for you since the creation of the world”?
3. Why will these people be blessed? (35,36) How will they respond to his words, and what does it show about them? (37–39; 6:3,4) How will Jesus explain? (Read verse 40; cf. 10:40,42) Why will he emphasize “the least”? (18:5,10)
4. Read verses 35,36 again. What characterizes all these deeds? (9:36; 14:14; 15:32; 20:34) How can we do these things? (Php2:1–4) Why must all true followers of Jesus live like this? (1Jn3:16–18)
5. What will the King say to those on his left? (41) Why? (42,43) How will they respond? (44) How will Jesus explain? (45) Why do you think Jesus describes his coming like this? (Ro14:12)