

What Do You Really Want?  
Matthew 16:13-28

Review:

1. Jesus is indeed the Messiah, but He will not save His people from all worldly suffering and oppression until He comes again
2. Jesus challenges us to shift our priorities from the material to the spiritual
3. Jesus calls us to desire Him more than our own lives, more than our own souls.

Reflect:

1. What material things do you tend to pray for? What spiritual blessings do you most desire?
2. Do you want Jesus more than what He can give you? If you could have only Jesus or only the things you want from Him, which would you choose?

Go further: Read Revelation 5:1-14

1. What is in the right hand of the One sitting on the throne? How many seals are on it?
2. What question does the strong angel ask in verse 2?
3. What does verse 3 say is the answer to his question?
4. In verse 4, why does John say that he cries?
5. In verse 5, Who does the elder say can open the scroll? What different titles does he use for Jesus in this verse?
6. In verse 6, where does John say Jesus is standing? How does John describe Jesus?
7. What does John say the seven eyes of the Lamb symbolize?
8. What does Jesus do in verse 7?
9. In verse 8, how do the living creatures and the elders respond to Jesus' action? What do the elders have in their hands?
10. What is in their golden bowls and what does it symbolize?
11. In verses 9 and 10, what three reasons do the elders give for Jesus being worthy to open the scroll?
12. In verse 9, how do the elders describe the people Jesus has redeemed?
13. In verse 10, what do the elders sing that the people of God will be and do?
14. Who does John hear speaking in verse 11?
15. How does the great multitude describe Jesus in verse 12? What seven things do they say Jesus is worthy to receive?
16. Who does John hear speaking in verse 13?
17. Who do all the creatures praise? What four things do they say God is worthy to receive?
18. In verse 14, how do the four living creatures respond to this praise? How do the 24 elders respond?

Summary and Application:

1. Given that Jesus is the focus of everyone's attention and praise in Heaven, how should we change our priorities and the purpose of our lives here on earth?