

Lesson 10

Matthew 23–24; Mark 13; Luke 21; Joseph Smith—Matthew

The following assignments include various learning activities, such as questions, lists, essays, charts, comparisons, contrasts, and surveys. To receive credit for this lesson, you must complete the number of assignments indicated below and submit them to your institute instructor or administrator. You may submit your work either electronically or on paper, handwritten or typed.

Each lesson should take approximately 60–90 minutes to complete, the same amount of time you would typically spend in a weekly institute class. Since reading the scripture block listed in the lesson heading is expected of all institute students prior to class, the estimated time for each assignment does not include the time you need to spend reading the scripture block.

Complete all four assignments:

1. Matthew 23. The Savior Pronounced Woes upon Hypocrites

- Read Matthew 6:2, footnote *a*, and the institute student manual commentary for Matthew 22:18, “What Are Hypocrites?” (p. 147). Write a brief definition for the word *hypocrite*. Study Matthew 23.
- List the phrases the Savior used to define hypocrisy in the following verses:
 - Matthew 23:3
 - Matthew 23:5 (For information about phylacteries, see Bible Dictionary, “Frontlets” (p. 676); “Phylacteries,” p. 751.)
 - Matthew 23:14
 - Matthew 23:23–24 (see also JST 23:24 in footnote 24*a*)
- Read Matthew 23:25–28 and identify each time the following words appear: *outside*, *outward*, *outwardly*, *within*. Notice what the Savior said about the difference between the Pharisees’ *inward* and *outward* conditions.
- Read Matthew 23:13–29 and the student manual Points to Ponder section “Hypocrisy Is as Much a Challenge in Our Day as It Was in Jesus’ Day” (p. 150). Highlight in these verses the word *woe*. Write a brief definition for the word *woe* as described in the institute manual.

Why do you think hypocrisy causes conditions of woe? Write a paragraph about what you can do to avoid hypocrisy in your own life.

- Read Matthew 23:34–37. Describe in writing what the Savior said He had done to help us avoid hypocrisy. How have the wicked responded to this help in the past? What did the Savior say He desired to do for the people of Jerusalem? Compare what the Savior taught in Matthew 23:37 with what He taught Alma in Mosiah 26:30. Explain in writing what these verses teach you about the nature and disposition of the Savior.

2. Joseph Smith—Matthew. The Savior Taught About Future Events

Note: Joseph Smith—Matthew is found in the Pearl of Great Price.

- Joseph Smith—Matthew 1:4 contains questions that the Savior’s disciples asked Him. Verses 5–20 contain the answer the Savior gave to their first question regarding the destruction of the temple, and verses 21–55 contain His answer to their other questions concerning His Second Coming and the destruction of the wicked. Read Joseph Smith—Matthew. Then fill in the following chart. After each item you list, write the verse number where you found that item.

	Destruction of the temple in Jerusalem (JS—M 1:5–20)	The Second Coming of Jesus Christ (JS—M 1:21–55)
Events to occur		

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Promises to the righteous		

- b. Read 1 Nephi 22:16–22; Doctrine and Covenants 97:22, 25. Then write a statement that would give hope to a person who worries about the Second Coming.

3. Mark 13; Luke 21:5–38; Joseph Smith—Matthew. Preparing for the Savior’s Second Coming

- a. Read Mark 13:5, 9, 23, 33, 35, 37 and identify the words *take heed* and *watch* in each verse.

List at least three things from this chapter that believers could watch for in order to be prepared to meet the Lord.

- b. Explain in writing any other additional truths that are taught in these references about how to prepare for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

- Doctrine and Covenants 87:8
- Joseph Smith—Matthew 1:32
- Joseph Smith—Matthew 1:37
- Joseph Smith—Matthew 1:46–50
- Doctrine and Covenants 33:17
- Doctrine and Covenants 45:56–57

4. Matthew 24:24. How the Elect Might Be Preserved from Deception

- a. Read the student manual commentary for Matthew 24:24, “How Might the Very Elect Be Preserved from Deception?” (p. 153). What did President Harold B. Lee (1899–1973) say every member of the Church will need in order to avoid being deceived in the last days?

- b. Write a paragraph about what you are doing (or what you can do) to obtain and maintain this testimony for yourself.