

Matthew 25:31-46
What Animal Are You?
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Intro - What animal best represents your personality?

Matthew 24:3 - "*When* will these things be? And what will be the *sign* of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

v. 36 - No one knows the day or hour, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.

25:31 - "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He'll sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He'll separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. And He'll set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

When the Titanic sunk in 1912 there were all sorts of different people on board:

- **There were men and women and children**
- **There were Americans and Australians... Canadians and Chinese**
- **There were Danish and Dutch... French and Finns**
- **Greeks and Germans... Italians and Irish**

But after the ship went down, they posted two lists: **Saved and Lost.**

1 John 5:11-12 - This is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life and this life is in His Son. He who *has the Son* has life; he who *doesn't have the Son of God* doesn't have life.

v. 34 - Then the King will say to those on His right hand, (the sheep) 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

John 3:3 - Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is *born again* he cannot see the kingdom of God."

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever *believes in Him* should not perish, but have everlasting life."

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“Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed *You*, or thirsty and give *You* drink? When did we see You a stranger and take *You* in, or naked and clothe *You*? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.’

The Tribulation Period.

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Genesis 12:2-3 - "I will make you into a great nation I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you."

v. 41 - "Then He'll also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

Isaiah 2:3-4 - Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us His ways, so that we may walk in his paths."..He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

Isaiah 11:6-9 - The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them... The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all My holy mountain, for *the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.*

John 3:17 - "God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."

John 3:18 - "Whoever *believes in Him* isn't condemned, but whoever doesn't believe stands condemned already because they haven't believed in the name of God's one and only Son."

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“Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and didn't minister to You?’ Then He'll answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you didn't do *it* to one of the least of these, you didn't do *it* to Me.’ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

1. Examine yourself to see whether you're in the faith.

2. Stand with Israel.

3. Constantly remind yourself of Jesus' words: *"Whatever you did to the least of these My brethren, you did to Me."*

"May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all... so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints."