



“You Did it to Me”
(Matt 25:40):

*Mother Teresa,
Works of Mercy,
and the Heart
of the Gospel*

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Mother Teresa used to refer to this five-word phrase from the judgment scene in Matthew 25 as “the gospel on five fingers.” At least one modern theologian has described it as the heart of Christian ethics. Yet, some Christians today find this scene of judgment on the basis of how we treat the poor to be confusing or even unsettling. Drawing on the rich theological resources of Scripture and the Church’s tradition, we will see how this passage relates to the gospel of grace, which calls us into God’s work of redeeming and healing the world.

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