## MATHEW 25:40 BROTHERS

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Mathew 25:40

Without exception, Christ is consistent in His use of the word brothers. His brothers are His disciples (Mt. 23:8; 12:46-50; 28:10; Mk. 3:31-35; Lk. 8:21; Jn. 20:17-18). Jesus is saying that the nations (the leaders and citizens of the nations) are to be judged for their actions toward His followers and their message. If they have received His people and their message with open arms and with righteous and brotherly behaviour, then they will show that they have definitely received Him.  $\Box$