

Matthew 24 and 25

- “The Olivet Discourse”



WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING TO HAPPEN?

The Olivet Discourse...

- ✦ The Speech was named after the location in which it took place
- ✦ The place is appropriate as it is the site where Jesus ascended and will return...
 - Acts 1:9-12
 - Zechariah 14:1-8



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The Olivet Discourse...

✦ The Disciples who asked Jesus the questions included an “Expanded Inner Circle” ...

- Peter
- James
- John
- Andrew

✦ See Matt. 24:1-3; Mark 13:3 (on the Disciples in attendance)



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✦ So, in context, the Disciples wanted to know...

- When in the future would the temple get destroyed? (Matt. 24:2; 23:39)
- ...and, what signs should they look for regarding...
 - ✦ His Second Coming
 - ✦ End of the Age



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The Olivet Discourse...

✦ Outline of the Olivet Discourse

- I. Signs of the End of the Age (focus on the Tribulation and return of Christ), 24:4-28
- II. Sign of Jesus' Second Coming (and events immediately following), 24:29-31
- III. Parables on what to do until He comes, 24:32-25:30
- IV. Judgment on Gentiles (Sheep and Goats), 25:31-46



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The Olivet Discourse...

◆ In the “Olivet Discourse,” Jesus addressed...

- The Tribulation
- The Revelation of the Anti-Christ
- The Second Coming of the “Son of Man”
- The “Millennial Kingdom”
- The Responsibility of His Disciples
- Judgment of the Gentiles



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♦ The Tribulation is also called...

- Birth Pangs/Sorrow (Matt. 24:8)
- Jacob's Time of Distress/Trouble (Jer. 30:7)
- The 70th Week of Daniel (Dan. 9:24-27)
- The Lord's Indignation (Is. 26:20; 34:2; Dan. 11:36)
- Time of Distress (Dan. 12:1)
- Hour of Testing (Rev. 3:10)
- Septennate (term used by Jews indicating 7 years)



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3 Key Questions...

✦ The Disciples (Peter, James, John, and Andrew), asked the following three questions...(see Matt. 24:3; Mark 13:1-3)

- When will “these things” happen (temple destroyed)?
- What will be the “sign” of your coming?
- What will be the “signs” of the end of the age?



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Jesus Answered...

He answered the questions in “reverse” order...

★ Question #1

★ Question #2

★ Question #3

★ Answer to Question #3

★ Answer to Question #2

★ No Answer to Question #1 (He did not talk about the destruction of the Temple)



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Jesus' Answer...

• Structured in Reverse...

Question #1

Question #2

Question #3

...Reverse Order...

Answer to Question #3

Answer to Question #2

No Answer to Question
#1



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Jesus' Answer...

- ◆ Jesus answered the “what” questions...
 - * What will be the “signs” of the end of the age? (v4-28)
 - * What will be the “sign” of your coming? (v29-31)
- ◆ However, Jesus did not answer their “when” question regarding the Temple...
- ◆ ...instead, He told them “what” to do until He comes by teaching a series of parables! (24:32-25:30)



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The “Signs” ...End of Age

- ◆ First, Question #3 (End of Present Age)...
- ◆ The “Beginning of Birth Pangs” ...(24:4-8)
 - ✳ Jesus described the “**First Half**” of the Tribulation by identifying what to look for...but not yet the End
- ◆ The “Great Tribulation” ...(24:9-14)
 - ✳ Jesus described the “Second Half” of the Tribulation, identifying what to look for...then the End of the Age will come.
- ◆ The “Abomination of Desolation” ...(24:15-28)
 - ✳ Jesus returned to discussing the “Middle of the Tribulation,” where the “Anti-Christ” would be revealed



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The “Signs” ...End of Age

◆ First, Question #3 (End of Present Age)...(continued)

◆ Jesus told His Disciples...

✳ When they saw **False Messiahs and wars**, it was not yet the End of the Age

- vv4-6

✳ When **nation conflicts, famines, and earthquakes** occurred, it was only the beginning and not yet the End of the Age

- vv7-8



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◆ Jesus told His Disciples...(continued)

✳ When martyrdom occurred, hatred against them by all nations for His name sake, apostasy, betrayal, hatred for each other, false prophets, increased lawlessness, and love growing cold, it was not yet the End of the Age

- vv9-12



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◆ Jesus told His Disciples...(continued)

✱ Endurance to the End of the Age would bring deliverance

- v13

✱ The gospel preached to all the world during the Tribulation would precede the End of the Age

- v14

✱ Even the revelation of the “Anti-Christ” would not dictate the End of the Age

- vv15-22

✱ Jesus’ appearance would come at the end of the Tribulation, and it would be obvious to all (lightning flashing), leading to the End of the Age

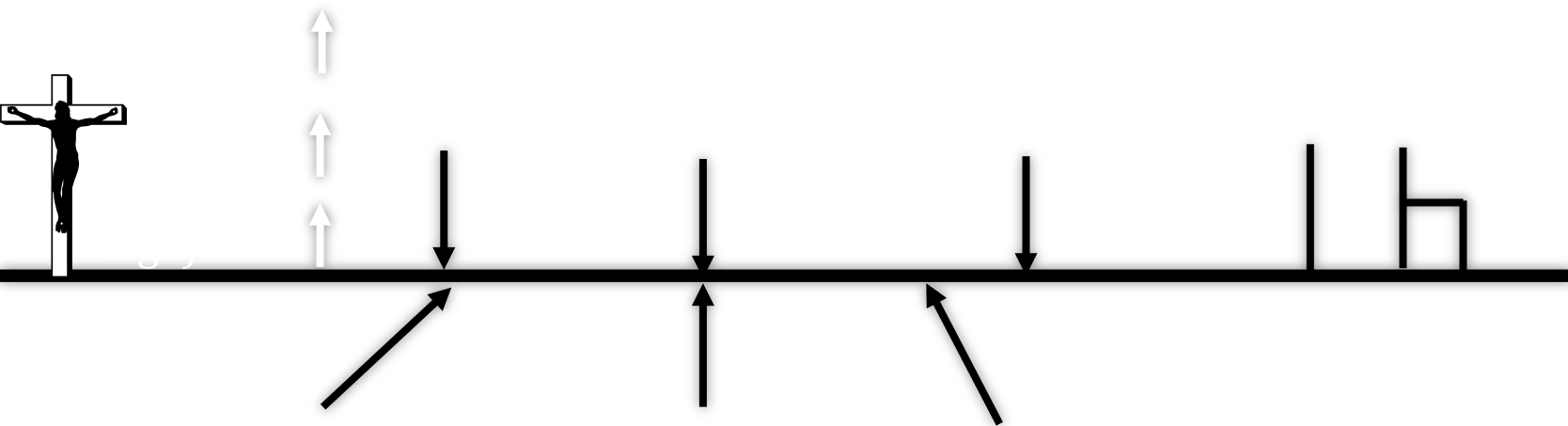
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The “Signs” ...End of Age

- First Half of the Tribulation, vv4-8
 - False Messiahs (v4-5; Rev. 6:2)
 - ✳ Beginning of the Tribulation
 - Wars and rumors of Wars (v6-7a; Rev. 6:3-4)
 - Famine and Earth Quakes on earth (7b; Rev. 6:5-6, 8, 12)
 - Sorrows (birth pangs) (v8)
 - ✳ Indicating the “end of the age” and the beginning of a new one
- Second Half of the Tribulation (Great Trib.)
 - Martyrdom (delivered to be killed) (v9; Rev. 6:9-11)
 - Apostasy (v10)



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The “Sign” ...End of Age

- Second Half of the Tribulation (Great Trib.) (continued)
 - False Prophets (v11)
 - Love growing Cold (v12)
 - ✳...for the Savior, the truth, and each other
 - Designation of the “Great Tribulation,” v21
 - Astral Activity (v27)



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The “Sign” of His Coming

- Next, Question #2 is answered regarding the “Sign of His Coming”
- Jesus indicated that He would come “immediately” following the “Tribulation” (these things, v4-28), 24:29a
 - ✳ See Rev. 19-20 for the Second Coming
- The Sign of the Son of Man in the Sky, 24:29b-30a
 - ✳ What is the “Sign” of the Son of Man???
- Everyone on earth will mourn and see the return of Jesus Christ, 24:30b
 - ✳ Public and not a private event



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The “Sign” of His Coming

- Other Scriptures about His coming...

- ♦ Dt. 30:3

- ♦ Psalm 2

- ♦ Isaiah 63:1-6; Daniel 2:44-45; Zech. 14:1-11

- ♦ Romans 11:26; 1 Thessalonians 3:13; 5:1-4; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-2:12

- ♦ 2 Peter 2:1-3:17; Jude 14-15

- ♦ Revelation 1:7; 19:11-21



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Summary...

- Why is this important?
 - Because, we will be raptured before these things take place (John 14:1-3; 1 Thes. 1:10; 4:13-18; 5:9)
- But, Jesus gave us instructions on what to do while we wait patiently for His return...
 - Work Faithfully (making your life count for the cause of Christ)
 - Watch Closely (so that you are focused on Him and are motivated to serve Him)



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Our Responsibility Until He Comes...

- A. Parable of the “Fig Tree” expounded on “these things” (He had just explained) that will lead up to His coming and their importance, (24:32-35)
- ✳️ “These Things” (v4-30) were guaranteed to occur, v34-35 (Ps. 119:89-90; Isa. 40:6-8)
- B. Parable related to “Noah’s Day,” which explains that no one knows when Jesus is coming, except the Father (24:36-39)
- C. Parable about the two men in the field and the two women at the mill, but only one from each pair enter the Millennial Kingdom (24:40-41)



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Jesus Responded With Parables...

- D. Parable of the “Head of Household” (24:42-44), indicating that we must serve faithfully until He comes because we don’t know when the Son of Man is coming
- E. Parable related to the “Faithful and Wise Slave vs. Unfaithful and Unwise Servant,” explains that we must remain *faithful in service* and *wise in our actions and attitudes* because we don’t know when Jesus is coming (24:45-51)



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F. Parable of the “Ten Virgins” (25:1-13), where the ten virgins are believers:

1. Five serve “faithfully,” and...
2. Five “burn-out” by the time Jesus arrives
3. Application: Serve faithfully but attend to your “spiritual life” so that you don’t experience “burn-out”



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G.Parable of the “Talents” (25:14-30), where the talents represent opportunities to “faithfully” use our gifts (until He comes) according to our ability and for His glory:

1. Slave #1 -- Five Talents (faithful use - reward), v19-21
2. Slave #2 -- Two Talents (faithful use - reward), v22-23
3. Slave #3 -- One Talent (unfaithful - loss reward), v24-30



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Jesus Responded With Parables...

❖ Jesus described returning in His “glory” as a “Shepherd” and “King,” separating the “sheep” from the “goats,” 25:31-46 (Ezk. 34:17-31; Rev. 14:14-20)

1. The term “Nations” usually represent Gentiles, v32a
2. Sheep on right and goats on the left, v32b-33
3. Sheep enter the Millennial Kingdom, v34-40
4. Those on the left (goats) enter the Lake of Fire, v41-45
5. Eternal Punishment vs. Eternal Life, v46



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Key Parable...

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Our Challenge...

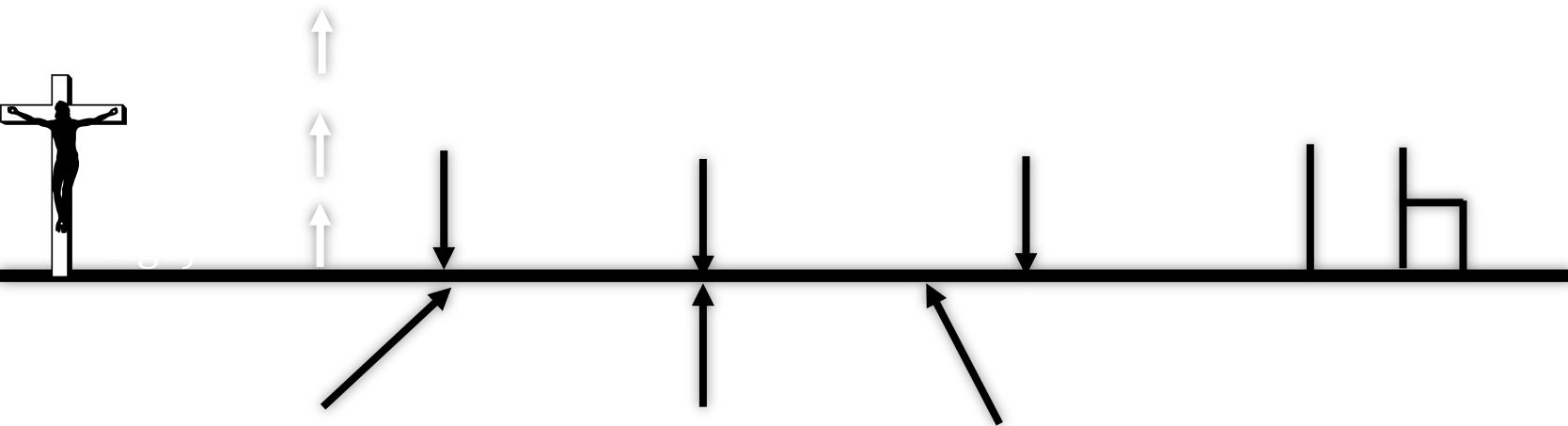
- * Wait Patiently on the Lord
- * Work Faithfully until He comes
- * Watch Carefully for His arrival



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