

## Mt. 24-25 Olivet Discourse Overview

Christ, two days before his death, gives a great discourse concerning Israel and end time events. This is one of the most misunderstood and misapplied sections of Scripture. In order to understand this passage, we have to pay close attention to the context.

1. Who is being spoken to?
2. What is the subject?
3. Where do we find it in Scripture?

Matthew is written with the Jew in mind. Jesus is speaking to Jewish disciples, answering specific questions about the future of Jerusalem and Israel. The church is not mentioned, is not in view, and it is a concept that the disciples do not even understand (a mystery).

### 3 Important Questions- Mt. 24:3

1. When shall these things be?
2. What is the sign of Christs coming?
3. What is the sign of the end of the age?

Remember, these men are thinking Kingdom, not rapture.

### Review- Rapture vs 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming

#### Rapture

1. Church (still a mystery at this point) - removed prior to Trib. Kingdom
2. Quick and invisible, 1Co. 15:51-52, 1 Th. 4:14-17
3. Christ in clouds- 1Th. 4:17  
Rev.19:11-21, Zec 14:4

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming

End of Trib. to establish  
Clear signs, visible to all  
Christ on earth,

### Discourse overview

1. 24:1-3- Setting and questions
2. 24:4-26- The Tribulation / Great Tribulation- Revelation 6-20 fill out the details of the Trib/Great Trib. Tribulation events are clearly prophesied in Daniel, Isaiah, Joel, Psalms, and Zechariah
3. 24:27-30- The Second Coming

4. 24: 31-43- Signs and warnings concerning events at and just after Second Coming. Verses 40-41 DO NOT refer to the rapture. This is a post return event.
5. 24:44-25:30
  - a. Israel's responsibility to serve faithfully, 24:44-47
  - b. Individual responsibility to be aware of prophesied events, 25:1-13
  - c. Responsibility in view of the kings return, 25:14-30
6. 25:14-30- Judgement of the nations, sheep and goats

### **Conclusion**

This discourse answers the disciple's questions concerning the end time events of Jerusalem and the nation of Israel. The events mentioned here are given a complete exposition in the book of Revelation. The church and the rapture are not in view here, and to insert them here not only violates the context of the passage, but it also introduces confusion when trying to study end time events.