

Jesus and the End

Matt 24-25











Jesus and the Temple

◆ Stones of the Temple Mount

◆ 70x10x8 – enormous and heavy (up to 50 tons)

◆ John 2:20 – 46 years to build

◆ They were fascinated by the durability

◆ All would be destroyed! (70 AD)

◆ Not one stone upon another... Just the retaining walls – left as a testimony... (1)

◆ Titus tried to keep the Temple, Jews set it aflame and Romans finished the job – Jewish Wars, Josephus

The Three Key Questions

- ◆ When will “these things be” (3)
 - ◆ This refers to the Temple Destruction – 70 AD
- ◆ “sign of your coming - Rapture/Gathering
- ◆ “End of the Age”
 - ◆ The establishment of the Millennial Kingdom
- ◆ So what's the problem? Why is it hard??
- ◆ Which question is He answering?

Warning #1

◆ Deception and wandering (*planao*)

◆ This runs thru the entire discourse! (5,11,24)

◆ Why are we so prone to wandering

◆ Knowledge of the Word!

◆ Many will come; many will be misled!

◆ False “the Christs” All in “the Name” – claiming authority...

◆ Are we protected from wandering???

#2 Wars/Rumors ; #3 Disasters

◆ This was true prior to 70 AD

◆ Nero, Galba, Otho, Vitellisu all met bad ends 68-69, 18 mo.

◆ Many declared and undeclared wars...

◆ Jesus says: “don’t be disturbed” to cry out... (6)

◆ These things MUST happen – sin does this!

◆ Not yet the end...birth pangs begin (8)

◆ Anti-Christ, War, famine, earthquakes...Rev 6?



#4 Persecution

- ◇ “then” – this points to a specific chronology (9)
 - ◇ Deliver ‘you’ to Tribulation (*thlipsis*)
 - ◇ Kill you – (Martyrs? Rev 6:9) Antisemitism ...
 - ◇ Hated by all nations on My account (144,000?)
 - ◇ “many” fall away because of this... betrayals (10)
 - ◇ False prophets now arise – “many” misled! (11)
 - ◇ Lawlessness increases; love grows cold (many!) (12)
 - ◇ Mutual hatred and distrust... lulled to isolation...

Endurance and Preaching

◆ The one who endures to the end ... (13)

◆ Is this the end of the age or of your life?

◆ *hupomeno* – abide under, take patiently

◆ This Gospel of the Kingdom (14)

◆ Not other gospels...money, wealth, ease...

◆ ...for these, listen to the false prophets!

◆ To all nations...

◆ Then 'the end' will come!!!

