

The Coming of the Son of Man Part 1 - Luke 21:5-24

Please Stand and Open Your Bibles to Acts 1:1-11

As I explained a little bit while reading this the reason we started here today is to set up the context to what is known as “The Olivet Discourse”. There are three versions of this written to three different audiences. Before we get into that we must set it all up by showing you two things. They are expecting the Kingdom to be restored to Israel and the Filling of the Holy Spirit. What we are about to study would not make any sense to them until the promise of this filling came.

John 16:13-14

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

So, you see the words that Jesus had taught them would not make sense until they had the filling of the Holy Spirit. This would include His teachings on the second coming.

Secondly, they had thought that the kingdom was supposed to come immediately. Remember the parable of the Minas that he spoke right before His triumphant Entry?

Luke 19:11

Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately.

I told you then how important this thought will be when we come to this chapter as the whole reason for it is to correct their theology on the kingdom and His Second Coming.

Now, before we begin, I want you to know that this study will by no means be exhaustive. I may mention a few things in passing that you might want deeper study on. I would suggest that you go to a study * I did back 2024 entitled “The Olivet Discourse in 3D” where we went through all three accounts and put them together in a one hour and forty-five-minute lesson. We have a folder on the website and app titled “Prophecy Updates” that have all of our past teachings on it. Lots of great resources there including all our past conferences.

Now before we start let’s remind ourselves who the audience that Luke is writing to:

Matthew – Jewish Audience – The Lion

Mark – Roman Audience – The Ox

Luke – Greek Audience – The Man

John – All Audiences – The Eagle

The Holy Spirit brought back to mind the main points that were needed for each audience and by knowing that we can better align ourselves with what is being said. Another thing to remind you of when you read the discourses of Jesus is that they are only “Bullet Points”. You can read through the entire account in Matthew 24-25 in about 10-15 minutes out loud and we know that Jesus taught for much longer than that. This will explain the big differences in the different versions that we will see today. Obviously, Jesus talked in great detail about every aspect of history from the destruction of Jerusalem to His Second Coming and the Holy Spirit had Luke write the points that were important to his readers.

Matthew 24:1

Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple.

After the teaching about the poor widow and the two mites she put into the box at the gate to the Temple Courtyard, Jesus and

His Disciples left and are headed down the hill to go across the Kidron Valley and up the road to the Mount of Olives. As we can see in Matthew that as they have a great view of the entire Temple Complex, they show Him the Temple. We need to understand that they are doing this in anticipation of His ruling and reigning from it. That is how we begin our study today...

Luke 21:5-6

Then, as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and donations, He said, 6 “These things which you see—the days will come in which not one stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down.”

The Temple of Jesus day was a remodeled version of the second temple known as “Zerubbabel’s Temple”. Herod the Great in order to appease the Jews and solidify his rulership over Judea had built around the temple what today is the Temple Mount. Huge stones and works that defy even the best of today’s builders. He also donated lots of stones and precious items to the Jews to remodel the Temple and by the time Jesus was there it was at its highest glory since Solomon’s Temple. The idea you need to see here is they were showing Him and saying, “look at this great temple you get to rule in!” Jesus tells them a prophecy of what will happen and that leads to the discussion that will ensue.

Luke 21:7

So they asked Him, saying, “Teacher, but when will these things be? And what sign will there be when these things are about to take place?”

This is important as these are not the exact same questions that were mentioned in Matthew and Mark. These questions pertain to the destruction of the temple.

Jesus’s First Answer

Luke 21:8-11

As we alluded to as I read this is broke into two parts. First what we call “The Signs for all the times”. The first and main point is to not be deceived. I would challenge you to go and ask Google, “How many people have said they are the Messiah in the last ten years?” and see what comes up. There is list of 8 prominent ones still active today with large followings. What about the Pseudo Christian Cults? All based on people that say they have come in Jesus’ name only to deceive. Just as Jesus predicted. But notice the second part of what we would call the “Birth Pangs” The first one is a Hebrew Idiom for World Wars; well, we can check that one off as we have had two and could very well be on the cusp on three. Earthquakes, check,

we can't keep up with the frequency and intensity. Famines, check both manmade and environmental! Pestilences, double check, hello, Covid! And the fearful sights. Triple check! Meteors everywhere, 3I Atlas, UAP's! You get the picture...

Jesus's Second Answer

Luke 21:12-17

The truth is guys before the kingdom comes you will be persecuted and put to death. I don't know about you be that's not what I want to hear! This is the truth though. Do you know that Jesus will be as brutally honest with you as you need? Did you also know that the closer you get to Christ the more likely you are to be hated?

2 Timothy 3:12

Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

Why is that? Because you reflect the person of Christ and that is who they hate! So, what do we do? Go to a persecution bootcamp? Practice flogging each other to build up our stamina? Go ahead and determine we are going into the tribulation and face three days of darkness so as to be ready? NO, not at all! We are to not worry about it. Why? Because God

is with us and in us and will help us through. Our job is just to walk as close as we can to Him and he will get us through it. And notice, not one hair of yours will be lost! I sure hope so as I have already lost a bunch of mines.

Luke 12:4-5

And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!

Jesus's Third Answer

Luke 21:20-24

This section is unique only to Luke that deals with the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD and not the Abomination of Desolation that the other two mention. This was actually heeded by the disciples when Rome came to besiege the city of Jerusalem in 66 AD. As soon as they started to surround the city the Christians got out of dodge! This is how both John and Mary landed up in Ephesus. You can read Church history and see that all twelve of them went into all the world after this moment in history. Jesus is repeating the prophecies that says

that Jerusalem would be destroyed and that all of Israel would be scattered.

Daniel 9:26

And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; and the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined.

But notice that Jerusalem would be trampled until the “Time of the Gentiles” would be fulfilled. What is that?

Times of the Gentiles Defined

Daniel 2:36-45

Daniel * 7:23-27

As you can see these times are predicted in the past and will be fulfilled in the future. Jesus has made us go and search the scriptures to show us the answer is there. When will the Kingdom be Given to Israel? The question we started our study on.

Romans 11:25-27

For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that

blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written:

“The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; for this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins.”

We know this is at the end of the tribulation as Jerusalem is still given over to the gentiles...

Revelation 11:1-3

Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, “Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months. And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.”

This reveals to us a couple of important truths. One, Israel has to be back in Jerusalem in unbelief and second, there will be a temple standing at the time. One has happened in recent history and the other is about to happen soon! So, what do we do with this knowledge? Look Up!

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.

For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

But in order to have this hope you need to know Him. Do You?
You can before it's too late!