

Session 27—Jesus Foretelling the Destruction of Jerusalem and the Second Coming (Part 1)

Matthew 24:1-2	Mark 13:1-2	Luke 21:5-6
<p>1 And coming out from the temple, Jesus was going along, and His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him.</p> <p>2 And He answered and said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down."</p>	<p>1 And as He was going out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, "Teacher, behold what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!"</p> <p>2 And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left upon another which will not be torn down."</p>	<p>5 And while some were talking about the temple, that it had been adorned with beautiful stones and dedicated gifts, He said,</p> <p>6 "As for these things which you are looking at, the days will come in which there will not be left one stone upon another which will not be torn down."</p>

1. How does your fascination with the things of this world cloud the anticipation of your HOPE in Christ?"

The Signs of the End of the Age

Matthew 24	Mark 13	Luke 21
<p>3 Now as He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, <u>the disciples</u> came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?"</p> <p>4 And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one deceives you.</p> <p>5 "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.</p>	<p>3 And as He was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, <u>Peter and James and John and Andrew</u> were questioning Him privately,</p> <p>4 "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are going to be fulfilled?"</p> <p>5 And Jesus began to say to them, "See to it that no one deceives you.</p>	<p>7 So they questioned Him, saying, "Teacher, when therefore will these things happen? And what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?"</p> <p>8 And He said, "See to it that you are not deceived; for many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The time is at hand.' Do not go after them.</p>

<p>6 "And you are going to hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end.</p> <p>7 "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.</p> <p>8 "But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pains.</p>	<p>6 "Many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He!' and will mislead many.</p> <p>7 "And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; those things must take place; but that is not yet the end.</p> <p>8 "For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will also be famines. These things are merely the beginning of birth pains.</p>	<p>9 "And when you hear of wars and disturbances, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end does not follow immediately."</p> <p>10 Then He continued saying to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom,</p> <p>11 and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.</p>
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1. How does deception about Christ's return harm your faith, your mission?
2. How do these signs affect you attitudinally and spiritually?

Persecution

Matthew 10	Matthew 24	Mark 13	Luke 21
<p>17 "But beware of men, for they will deliver you over to the courts and flog you in their synagogues;</p> <p>18 and you will even be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.</p> <p>19 "But when they deliver you over, do not worry about how or what you are to say; for it will</p>	<p>9 "Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.</p>	<p>9 "But see to yourselves; for they will deliver you to the courts, and you will be beaten in the synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for My sake, as a witness to them.</p> <p>10 "And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all the nations.</p>	<p>12 "But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for My name's sake.</p> <p>13 "It will result in an opportunity for your testimony.</p> <p>14 "So set in your hearts not to</p>

<p><u>be given to you in that hour what you are to say.</u> 20“For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you. 21“And brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. 22“And you will be hated by all because of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved. 23“But whenever they persecute you in this city, flee to the next; for truly I say to you, you will not finish going through the cities of Israel until the Son of Man comes.”</p>	<p>10 “And at that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. 11 “Many false prophets will arise and will deceive many. 12 “And because lawlessness is multiplied, most people’s love will grow cold. 13 “But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved. 14 “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be proclaimed in the whole world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.</p>	<p>11 “And when they lead you away, delivering you up, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given to you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but it is the Holy Spirit. 12 “And brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. 13 “And you will be hated by all because of My name, but the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.</p>	<p><u>prepare beforehand to defend yourselves;</u> 15 <u>for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute.</u> 16 “But you will be betrayed even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death, 17 and you will be hated by all because of My name. 18 “Yet not a hair of your head will perish. 19 “By your perseverance you will gain your lives.</p>
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1. How should we respond to “persecution?”
2. If we are not to “worry” about our defense, how should we prepare?
3. What about this pericope is discouraging to you? Does anything encourage you?

The Abomination of Desolation

Matthew 24	Mark 13	Luke 21
<p>15 "Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation which <u>was spoken of through Daniel the prophet</u>, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),</p> <p>16 then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.</p> <p>17 "Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house.</p> <p>18 "And whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his garment.</p> <p>19 "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!</p> <p>20 "But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath.</p> <p>21 "For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.</p> <p>22 "And unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.</p>	<p>14 "But when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION standing where it should not be (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.</p> <p>15 "And the one who is on the housetop must not go down, or go in to get anything out of his house;</p> <p>16 and the one who is in the field must not turn back to get his garment.</p> <p>17 "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!</p> <p>18 "But pray that it may not happen in the winter.</p> <p>19 "For those days will be a time of tribulation such as has not occurred since the beginning of the creation which God created until now, and never will.</p> <p>20 "And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no life</p>	<p>20 "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is at hand.</p> <p>21 "Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the countryside must not enter the city;</p> <p>22 because these are days of vengeance, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled.</p> <p>23 "Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days; for there will be great distress upon the land and wrath against this people,</p> <p>24 and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.</p>

<p>23 "Then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or 'There He is,' do not believe him.</p> <p>24 "For false christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to deceive, if possible, even the elect.</p> <p>25 "Behold, I have told you in advance.</p> <p>26 "Therefore, if they say to you, 'Behold, He is in the wilderness,' do not go out, or, 'Behold, He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe them.</p> <p>27 "For just as the lightning comes from the east and appears even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.</p> <p>28 "Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.</p>	<p>would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect, whom He chose, He shortened the days.</p> <p>21 "And then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ'; or, 'Behold, He is there'; do not believe him;</p> <p>22 for false christs and false prophets will arise, and will show signs and wonders, in order to lead astray, if possible, the elect.</p> <p>23 "But as for you, see! I have told you everything in advance.</p>	<p>Luke 17: 23-24, 31, 37</p> <p>23 "And they will say to you, 'Look there! Look here!' Do not go away, and do not run after them.</p> <p>24 "For just like the lightning, when it flashes out of one part of the sky, shines to the other part of the sky, so will the Son of Man be in His day."</p> <p>+++++</p> <p>31 "On that day, the one who is on the housetop and whose goods are in the house must not go down to take them out, and likewise the one who is in the field must not turn back."</p> <p>+++++</p> <p>37 And answering they said to Him, "Where, Lord?" And He said to them, "Where the body is, there also the vultures will be gathered."</p>
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1. How can you prepare for "the end?"
2. How can you identify "false christs?"

The Coming of the Son of Man

Matthew 24	Mark 13	Luke 21
<p>29 "But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from</p>	<p>24 "But in those days, after that tribulation, THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT,</p> <p>25 AND THE STARS WILL BE FALLING from</p>	<p>25 "And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth anguish among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves,</p> <p>26 men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things</p>

<p>the sky, and the POWERS OF THE HEAVENS will be shaken.</p> <p>30 “And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.</p> <p>31 “And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.</p>	<p>heaven, AND THE POWERS THAT ARE IN THE HEAVENS will be shaken.</p> <p>26 “And then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN CLOUDS with great power and glory.</p> <p>27 “And then He will send forth the angels, and will gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of heaven.</p>	<p>which are coming upon the world; for the POWERS OF THE HEAVENS will be shaken.</p> <p>27 “And then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD with power and great glory.</p> <p><u>28 “But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”</u></p>
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1. Luke concludes his remarks with the admonition straighten up and look up. If believe these prophecies about the “end,” how can we so look forward with excited anticipation?

Memory Verse:

“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be proclaimed in the whole world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Matthew 24:14