Week 30 – Ready for the Return

1) Jesus Declares That The Temple Will Be Destroyed
2) Jesus Warns About The Tribulation To Come
3) Jesus Promises To Come With Great Power And Glory
4) Endure As You Wait!
5) Fulfill Your Mission As You Wait
6) Be Ready For The Return Of The Lord

Scripture: **Mathew 24:1-35**

Jesus Predicts the Destruction of the Temple(A)

24 Then (B)Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. **2** And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, (C)not *one* stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age(D)

3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, (E)the disciples came to Him privately, saying, (F)"Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

4 And Jesus answered and said to them: (G)"Take heed that no one deceives you. **5** For (H)many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' (I)and will deceive many. **6** And you will hear of (J)wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for [a]all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. **7** For (K)nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be (L)famines, [b]pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. **8** All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

9 (M)"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. **10** And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. **11** Then (N)many false prophets will rise up and (O)deceive many. **12** And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow (P)cold. **13** (Q)But he who endures to the end shall be saved. **14** And this (R)gospel of the kingdom (S)will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

The Great Tribulation(T)

15 (U)"Therefore when you see the (V)'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (W)(whoever reads, let him understand), **16** "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. **17** Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. **18** And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. **19** But (X)woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! **20** And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. **21** For (Y)then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the

beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; [z]but for the [c]elect's sake those days will be shortened.

23 [aa]"Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here *is* the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe *it*. 24 For [ab]false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, [ac]if possible, even the elect. 25 See, I have told you beforehand.

26 "Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; *or* 'Look, *He is* in the inner rooms!' do not believe *it*. 27 [ad]For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 28 [ae]For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

The Coming of the Son of Man[af]

29 [ag]"Immediately after the tribulation of those days [ah]the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 [ai]Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, [aj]and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 [ak]And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His [d]elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

The Parable of the Fig Tree[al]

32 "Now learn [am]this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer *is* near. 33 So you also, when you see all these things, know [an]that [e]it is near—at the doors! 34 Assuredly, I say to you, [ao]this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. 35 [ap]Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.