**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW**

**LESSON 24 - The Olivet Discourse, Part One**

**Matthew 24:1-51**

**DAYS ONE & TWO -** Read Matthew 24:1-26 (The Temple and the Tribulation)

1. With a view of the temple from the Mount of Olives, what did Jesus say about its future?

Answer here

**EXTRA INFO:** This incredible temple begun by Herod the Great was still under construction in 70 AD when Titus, the Roman general, completely destroyed it. It was burned in the end, causing all the gigantic stones to crumble and all the gold to melt. After retrieving it, the remaining ruins were *thrown down* into the Kidron Valley, perfectly fulfilling this prophecy.

2. As the disciples asked Him privately about the timing of these things, and *the sign of His coming at the end of the age*, what warnings did Jesus give them in verses 4-6?

Answer here

3. As *nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom,* what will accompany these things, in verses 7-8, making everything worse?

Answer here

4. a. List some things from Matthew 10:17-23 that give hope to those true believers who will be persecuted according to Matthew 24:9?

Answer here

b. What does Matthew 24:10-11 add about how persecution will separate the true believers from the false during these times.

Answer here

5. As many *false prophets will rise up and deceive many,* and *lawlessness will abound*, what will also happen in verse 12?

Answer here

6. What good news is found in verses 13-14?

Answer here

7. *Therefore*, as Jesus looked beyond the time of Daniel, what will believers need to do, in verses 15-20, when this future *abomination of desolation* is *standing in the holy place*?

Answer here

8. What was then coming after this sign, according to verses 21-22, and what would God do for His *elect’s sake*?

Answer here

9. What warnings are given to God’s people, so they won’t be deceived, in verses 23-25?

Answer here

10. What should they also *not believe* according to verse 26?

Answer here

**DAYS THREE & FOUR -** Read Matthew 24:27-44 (The Second Coming)

1. a. How will Christ’s return be clear to those near and far in verses 27-28?

Answer here

b. What does Revelation 19:17-18 say about the eagles and the carcasses at the future Battle of Armageddon?

Answer here

2. From Matthew 24:29, describe the things that will happen *immediately after the tribulation of those days?*

Answer here

3. What will happen when *the sign of the Son of Man appears in heaven* in verses 30-31?

Answer here

4. *The parable of the fig* tree says *summer is near* when the branches are tender and put forth leaves. What else can be known, in verse 33, when all these things are seen?

Answer here

5. a. What will *by no means pass away till all these things take place* in verse 34?

Answer here

b. In verse 35, what will also pass away, and what will not?

Answer here

6. *But of that day and hour*, who is the only One who knows when *these things* will take place, according to verse 36?

Answer here

7. List some of the ways in verses 38-39, that *the coming of the Son of Man* will be like *the days of Noah were before the flood*?

Answer here

8. Then what will happen according to verses 40-41, as when the flood came in Noah’s day?

Answer here

9. As verse 42 tell God’s people to *watch, for you don’t know what hour the Lord is coming,* how does verse 43 compare the coming of the Lord to a thief?

Answer here

10. *Therefore,* what do all believers need to do, and why do they need to do it?

Answer here

**DAY FIVE -** Read Matthew 24:45-51 (Illustration of the Two Servants)

1. Describe the *faithful and wise servant* in verse 44.

Answer here

2. What will happen to him when his master comes and finds him doing what he was supposed to be doing in verses 46-47?

Answer here

3. Describe the evil servant, in verses 48-49, who thinks *his master is delaying his coming*?

Answer here

4. Then what horrible thing will happen, according to verse 51, when *the master of that servant comes on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of*?

Answer here

5. How is the place, where there will be *weeping and gnashing of teeth*, described in Matthew 8:12, Matthew 25:30, and Luke 13:28?

Answer here

**DISCUSSION:** The chapter we just studied is not about what’s called the rapture of the church, described in 1Thessalonians 4:13-18, 1 Corinthians 15:50-54, and Revelation 3:10. This *catching away* is the event present day believers long for as it answers the question: “What happens to Christians who die before Christ comes?” Share what these verses mean to you.

Answer here