



### Lesson 57 – On the Mount of Olives

Based on Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 21:5-38.

- 1) What did Jesus say to the Priests and Pharisees when He left the Temple for the last time?

**Matthew 23:38-39** Behold, your house is left unto you \_\_\_\_\_. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, \_\_\_\_\_ is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

These Words had struck terror to their hearts. They affected indifference, but the question kept rising in their minds as to the import of these words. An unseen danger seemed to threaten them. Could it be that the magnificent temple, which was the nation’s glory, was soon to be a heap of ruins?

- 2) How did the Disciples react to Jesus’ statement?

**Matthew 24:1** And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the \_\_\_\_\_ of the temple.

The foreboding of evil was shared by the disciples, and they anxiously waited for some more definite statement from Jesus. As they passed with Him out of the temple, they called His attention to its strength and beauty. The stones of the temple were of the purest marble, of perfect whiteness, and some of them of almost fabulous size. A portion of the wall had withstood the siege by Nebuchadnezzar’s army. In its perfect masonry it appeared like one solid stone dug entire from the quarry. How those mighty walls could be overthrown the disciples could not comprehend.

- 3) What did Jesus tell them?

**Matthew 24:2** And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one \_\_\_\_\_ upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

Christ’s words had been spoken in the hearing of a large number of people; but when He was alone, Peter, John, James, and Andrew came to Him as He sat upon the Mount of Olives.

- 4) What did they ask?

**Mark 13:3-4** And as he sat upon the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when all these things shall be \_\_\_\_\_?

- 5) How did Matthew put it?

**Matthew 24:3** And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_?

Jesus did not answer His disciples by taking up separately the destruction of Jerusalem and the great day of His coming. He mingled the description of these two events. Had He opened to His Disciples future events as He beheld them, they would have been unable to endure the sight. In mercy to them He blended the description of the two great crises, leaving the disciples to study out the meaning for themselves. When He referred to the destruction of Jerusalem, His prophetic words reached beyond that event to the final conflagration in that day when the Lord shall rise out of His place to punish the world for their iniquity, when the earth shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain. ***This entire discourse was given, not for the disciples only, but for those who should live in the last scenes of this earth’s history.***

- 6) How did Jesus begin his message?

**Matthew 24:4-5** And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man \_\_\_\_\_ you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am \_\_\_\_\_; and shall deceive many.



Between His death and the siege of Jerusalem many false messiahs appeared. But this warning was given also to those who live in this age of the world. The same deceptions practiced prior to the destruction of Jerusalem have been practiced through the ages and will be practiced again.

7) What followed?

**Matthew 24:6** And ye shall hear of \_\_\_\_\_ and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

Prior to the destruction of Jerusalem, men wrestled for the supremacy. Emperors were murdered. Those supposed to be standing next the throne were slain. There were wars and rumors of wars.

8) What would be the state of the world?

**Matthew 24:7-8** For nation shall rise \_\_\_\_\_ nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and \_\_\_\_\_, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.

Christ said, As the rabbis see these signs, they will declare them to be God's judgments upon the nations for holding in bondage His chosen people. They will declare that these signs are the token of the advent of the Messiah. Be not deceived; they are the beginning of His judgments. The people have looked to themselves. They have not repented and been converted that I should heal them. The signs that they represent as tokens of their release from bondage are signs of their destruction.

9) What would happen to God's people at that time?

**Matthew 24:9-10** Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall \_\_\_\_\_ you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall \_\_\_\_\_ one another, and shall hate one another.

All this the Christians suffered. Fathers and mothers betrayed their children. Children betrayed their parents. Friends delivered their friends up to the Sanhedrin. The persecutors wrought out their purpose by killing Stephen, James, and other Christians.

They were men of whom the world was not worthy, and by killing them the Jews crucified afresh the Son of God. So, it will be again. The authorities will make laws to restrict religious liberty. They will assume the right that is God's alone. They will think they can force the conscience, which God alone should control. Even now they are making a beginning; this work they will continue to carry forward till they reach a boundary over which they cannot step. God will interpose in behalf of His loyal, commandment-keeping people.

10) What sign did Jesus give the believers of a time to flee Jerusalem?

**Luke 21:20-21** And when ye shall see Jerusalem \_\_\_\_\_ with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it \_\_\_\_\_ out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.

This warning was given to be heeded forty years after, at the destruction of Jerusalem. The Christians obeyed the warning, and not a Christian perished in the fall of the city.

11) What did Jesus say we should pray prior to Rome's destruction?

**Matthew 24:20** But pray ye that your flight be not in the \_\_\_\_\_, neither on the \_\_\_\_\_ day:

Christ said. He who made the Sabbath did not abolish it, nailing it to His cross. The Sabbath was not rendered null and void by His death. Forty years after His crucifixion it was still to be held sacred. For forty years the disciples were to pray that their flight might not be on the Sabbath day.



12) What did Christ say the world would look like?

**Matthew 24:21** For then shall be great \_\_\_\_\_, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

From the destruction of Jerusalem, Christ passed on rapidly to the greater event, the last link in the chain of this earth's history, the coming of the Son of God in majesty and glory. Between these two events, there lay open to Christ's view long centuries of darkness, centuries for His church marked with blood and tears and agony. Upon these scenes His disciples could not then endure to look, and Jesus passed them by with a brief mention.

13) What promise did He make?

**Matthew 24:22** And except those days should be \_\_\_\_\_, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

For more than a thousand years such persecution as the world had never before known was to come upon Christ's followers. Millions upon millions of His faithful witnesses were to be slain. Had not God's hand been stretched out to preserve His people, all would have perished.

14) What warnings of danger precede the Second Coming?

**Matthew 24:23-24** Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall \_\_\_\_\_ the very elect.

**Matthew 24:26-27** Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret \_\_\_\_\_; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Son of man be.

The Saviour gives signs of His coming, and more than this, He fixes the time when the first of these signs shall appear:

15) What was that sign?

**Matthew 24:29** Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the \_\_\_\_\_ be darkened, and the \_\_\_\_\_ shall not give her light, and the \_\_\_\_\_ shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

16) Then what happens?

**Matthew 24:30-31** And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall \_\_\_\_\_ together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

At the close of the great papal persecution, Christ declared, the sun should be darkened, and the moon should not give her light. Next, the stars should fall from heaven.

17) Jesus gave a parable about that time, what was it?

**Matthew 24:32-33** Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth \_\_\_\_\_, ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the \_\_\_\_\_.

18) How sure is Jesus' Word?

**Matthew 24:35** Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my \_\_\_\_\_ shall not pass away.

19) What did Luke say about it?

**Luke 21:27** And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a \_\_\_\_\_ with power and great glory.



Christ is coming with clouds and with great glory. A multitude of shining angels will attend Him. He will come to raise the dead, and to change the living saints from glory to glory. He will come to honor those who have loved Him, and kept His commandments, and to take them to Himself. He has not forgotten them nor His promise. There will be a relinking of the family chain.

20) What did Paul say about it?

**1 Corinthians 15:52** In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be \_\_\_\_\_ incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

21) When is Jesus coming back?

**Matthew 24:36** But of that day and hour \_\_\_\_\_ no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Had He been at liberty to reveal this, why need He have exhorted them to maintain an attitude of constant expectancy? There are those who claim to know the very day and hour of our Lord's appearing. Very earnest are they in mapping out the future. But the Lord has warned them off the ground they occupy. The exact time of the second coming of the Son of man is God's mystery.

22) What did Jesus say the condition of the world would be like?

**Matthew 24:37-39** But as the days of \_\_\_\_\_ were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe \_\_\_\_\_ into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ be.

23) What was it like in Noah's day?

**Genesis 6:5** And GOD saw that the \_\_\_\_\_ of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil \_\_\_\_\_.

The inhabitants of the antediluvian world turned from Jehovah, refusing to do His holy will. They followed their own unholy imagination and perverted ideas. It was because of their wickedness that they were destroyed; and today the world is following the same way. It presents no flattering signs of millennial glory. The transgressors of God's law are filling the earth with wickedness.

24) What are we warned to do?

**Luke 21:34-35** And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and \_\_\_\_\_ of this \_\_\_\_\_, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a \_\_\_\_\_ shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

The crisis is stealing gradually upon us. The sun shines in the heavens, passing over its usual round, and the heavens still declare the glory of God. Men are still eating and drinking, planting and building, marrying, and giving in marriage. Merchants are still buying and selling. Men are jostling one against another, contending for the highest place. The highest excitement prevails, yet probation's hour is fast closing, and every case is about to be eternally decided. Satan sees that his time is short. He has set all his agencies at work that men may be deceived, deluded, occupied and entranced, until the day of probation shall be ended, and the door of mercy be forever shut.

25) What shall we do?

**Luke 21:36** Watch ye therefore, and \_\_\_\_\_ always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to \_\_\_\_\_ before the Son of man.

Solemnly there come to us down through the centuries the warning words of our Lord from the Mount of Olives.

Can you see Jesus could show us the future?

Would you like to be among the redeemed?

When is the time to watch and pray?