




THE END

The Olivet Discourse



Sunday, June 9, 2024

Matthew 24:1-3

Throughout church history, a study of the “end times” has always ebbed and flowed. In one season of history, there has been a great interest, and in another it wanes. Most often this occurs based on world events taking place. It seems that people can go to one of two extremes regarding eschatology (the doctrine of last things): 1) people become consumed and fixated on the order of events that will occur, 2) people ignore the study and ask “what difference does it make?”

Reading the gospels, we learn from Jesus that either extreme is not the approach. In what is commonly referred to as the “Olivet Discourse,” Jesus prepares His disciples to live faithfully while keeping the end of all things in view. The Olivet discourse is found in all three synoptic gospels (Matthew 24-25; Mark 13:5-37; Luke 21:5-36). In Mark 13:5-37, there are 19 imperatives/commands. As we study what Jesus said about THE END, I want to encourage you to live faithfully, always keeping the end of all things in view.

Matthew 24:1-3 (NASB95) 1 Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. 2 And He 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.” 3 As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples 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?”

Key thought: You can live faithfully with the end in view!!

YOU CAN BE CONFIDENT THAT JESUS IS COMING AGAIN! (Confidence)

YOU CAN LIVE FAITHFULLY WITH THE END OF ALL THINGS IN VIEW! (Anticipation)

YOU MUST BE CAREFUL. DON'T BE MISLED OR BECOME DISTRACTED! (Diligence)

Take Away:

- 1. Jesus Christ is coming again!**
- 2. Are you ready?**