

The Olivet Discourse of Christ

**A composite comprised from
Matthew 24:3-26:2 and Mark 13:3-37 and Luke 21:7-36**

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And as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with [beautiful] stones and gifts, he said, As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down (Lk. 21:5-6).

And as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here! And Jesus, answering, said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? There shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down (Mk. 13:1-2).

And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple; and his disciples came to him to show him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? Verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down (Mt. 24:1-2).

And as he sat upon the Mount of Olives (Mt. 24:3a; Mk. 13:3a) [opposite] the temple (Mk. 13:3b), the disciples (Mt. 24:3b) Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew (Mk. 13:3c) came unto him privately (Mt. 24:3c), and they (Lk. 21:7a) asked him (Mk. 13:3d; Lk. 21:7b) privately (Mk. 13:3e), saying (Lk. 21:7c),

[The disciples 1st Question]: “Master, but (Lk. 21:7d) Tell us, (Mt. 24:3d; Mk. 13:4a) when shall these things be” (Mt. 24:3e; Lk. 21:7e)? [The disciples 2nd Question]: “And what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass” (Lk. 21:7f)?

[Jesus answered]: “And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that its desolation is [near]. Then let them who are in Judea flee to the mountains; and let them who are in the midst of it depart; and let not them that are in the countries enter into it. For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

“But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that [nurse children], in those days! For there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations; and Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled (Lk. 21:20-24).

“But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name’s sake. And it shall turn to you for a testimony. Settle it, therefore, in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer; For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to [contradict nor withstand]. And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolk, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name’s sake. But there shall not an hair of your head perish. In your patience possess ye your souls” (Lk. 21:12-19).

[The disciples 3rd Question]: “And what shall be the sign of thy coming” (Mt. 24:3f)?

[Jesus answered] “Take heed that no man deceive you (Mt. 24:4b; Mk. 13:5b). Take heed that ye be not deceived (Lk. 21:8b); for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ (Mt. 24:5a; Mk. 13:6a; Lk. 21:8c); and shall deceive many (Mt. 24:5b; Mk. 13:6b) and the time draweth near. Go ye not, therefore, after them (Lk. 21:8d). And (Mt. 24:6a; Mk. 13:7a) when (Mk. 13:7b; Lk. 21:9a) ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, be ye not troubled; for all these things must first come to pass, but the end shall not be [at once] (Mt. 24:6b; Mk. 13:7c; Lk. 21:9b).

“For (Mt. 24:7a; Mk. 13:8a) nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and (Mt. 24:7b; Mk. 13:8b; Lk. 21:10b-11a) there shall be (Mt. 24:7c; Mk. 13:8c) great (Lk. 21:11b) earthquakes in [various] places (Mk. 13:8d; Lk. 21:11c), and there (Mt. 24:7d; Mk. 13:8e; Lk. 21:11d) shall be famines, and pestilences; and (Mt. 24:7f; Lk. 21:11e) earthquakes in [various] places (Mt. 24:7g) and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven (Lk. 21:11f). All (Mt. 24:8a) these are the beginning of sorrows (Mt. 24:8b; Mk. 13:8g).

“But take heed to yourselves; for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten; and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them. And the gospel must first be [proclaimed] among all nations (Mk. 13:9-10).

“Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you; and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name’s sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another (Mt. 24:9-10). But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate; but whatever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye; for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy [Spirit].

“Now brother shall betray brother to death, and the father, his son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name’s sake; but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved (Mk. 13:11-13).

“And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall [grow] cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come (Mt. 24:11-14).

“But (Mk. 13:14a), When ye (Mt. 24:15a; Mk. 13:14c), therefore, shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place (Mt. 24:15c) standing where it ought not (Mk. 13:14d), then let them who are in Judea flee into the mountains (Mt. 24:16; Mk. 13:14d). And (Mk. 13:15a) let him that is on the housetop not go down (Mt. 24:17a; Mk. 13:15b) into the house (Mk. 13:15c) to take anything out of his house (Mt. 24:17b). Neither let him who is in the field return back again to take up his clothes (Mt. 24:18; Mk. 13:16).

“And woe to those who are with child, and to them that are [nursing their children] in those days! And pray that your flight be not in the winter (Mt. 24:19-20a; Mk. 13:17-18), neither on the sabbath day (Mt. 24:20b). For (Mt. 24:21a; Mk. 13:19a) in those days shall be affliction (Mk. 13:19a) then shall be great tribulation (Mt. 24:21a), such as was not since the beginning of the (Mt. 24:21b; Mk. 13:19b) creation (Mk. 13:19c) of the world (Mt. 24:21c) which God created unto this time (Mk. 13:19d), no, nor ever shall be (Mt. 24:21d; Mk. 13:19e). And except the Lord should shorten those days, no flesh should be saved; but for the elect’s sake, whom he hath chosen, those days shall be shortened (Mt. 24:22; Mk. 13:20).

“And (Mk. 13:21a) then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ, or, lo, he is there; believe him not. For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall show (Mt. 24:23-24a; Mk. 13:21b-22a) great (Mt. 24:24b) signs and wonders (Mt. 24:24c; Mk. 13:22b), to seduce (Mk. 13:22c) insomuch that (Mt. 24:24d), if it were possible (Mt. 24:24e; Mk. 13:22d), they shall deceive (Mt. 24:24f) even (Mk. 13:22e) the (Mt. 24:24g; Mk. 13:22f) very (Mt. 24:24h) elect (Mt. 24:24i; Mk. 13:22g). But take heed; behold, I have foretold you all things (Mk. 13:23).

“Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore, if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth; behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For wherever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together (Mt. 24:25-28).

“And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken (Lk. 21:25-26). But in those days (Mk. 13:24a), Immediately after the tribulation of those days (Mt. 24:29a) after that tribulation (Mk. 13:24b) the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give its light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers that are in the heavens shall be shaken (Mt. 24:29b; Mk. 13:24c-25).

“And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn (Mt. 24:30a), and then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with (Mt. 24:30b; Mk. 13:26a; Lk. 21:27a) great (Mk. 13:26b) power and (Mt. 24:30c; Mk. 13:26c; Lk. 21:27b) great (Mt. 24:30d; Lk. 21:27c) glory (Mt. 24:30e; Mk. 13:26d; Lk. 21:27d). And then shall he send his angels (Mt. 24:31a; Mk. 13:27a) with a great sound of a trumpet (Mt. 24:31b), and (Mt. 24:31c; Mk. 13:27b) they (Mt. 24:31d) shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other (Mt. 24:31e) from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven (Mk. 13:27c). And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth [near] (Lk. 21:28).

“Now learn a parable of the fig tree: When its branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is [near] (Mt. 24:32; Mk. 13:28). Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now [near] at hand (Lk. 21:29b-30). So also ye, (Mt. 24:33a; Mk. 13:29a; Lk. 21:31a) in like manner (Mk. 13:29b), when ye (Mt. 24:33b; Mk. 13:29c; Lk. 21:31b) shall (Mt. 24:33c; Mk. 13:29d) see (Mt. 24:33d; Mk. 13:29e; Lk. 21:31c) all (Mt. 24:33e) these things (Mt. 24:33f; Mk. 13:29f; Lk. 21:31d) come to pass (Mk. 13:29f; Lk. 21:31e), know that it (Mt. 24:33g; Mk. 13:29g) the kingdom of God (Lk. 21:31f) is [near] (Mt. 24:33h; Mk. 13:29h; Lk. 21:31g) at hand (Lk. 21:31g), even at the doors (Mt. 24:33i; Mk. 13:29h). Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass (Mt. 24:34a; Mk. 13:30a; Lk. 21:32a) away (Lk. 21:32b), till all (Mt. 24:34b; Mk. 13:30b; Lk. 21:32c) these things (Mt. 24:34c; Mk. 13:30c) be fulfilled (Mt. 24:34d; Mk. 13:30d; Lk. 21:32d). Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away” (Mt. 24:35; Mk. 13:31; Lk. 21:33).

[The disciples 4th question]: “And what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled” (Mk. 13:4b)?

[Jesus answered]: “But of that day and (Mt. 24:36a; Mk. 13:32a) that (Mk. 13:32b) hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels (Mt. 24:36b; Mk. 13:32c) of heaven (Mt. 24:36c), who are in heaven,

neither the Son (Mk. 13:32d), but (Mt. 24:36d; Mk. 13:32e) the Father (Mk. 13:32f), my Father only (Mt. 24:36e). Take heed, watch and pray; for ye know not when the time is (Mk. 13:33).

“But as the days of Noah 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 Noah entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

“Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch, therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come (Mt. 24:37-42).

“For the Son of man is like a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye, therefore; for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at [evening], or at midnight, or at [cockcrow], or in the morning; Lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch (Mk. 13:34-37).

“And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares, For like a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye, therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man (Lk. 21:34-36).

“But know this, that if the [householder] had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have [allowed] his house to be broken [into]. Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

“Who, then, is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them [food] in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord, when he cometh, shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you that he shall make him ruler over all his goods. But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the [drunkards], The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth (Mt. 24:43-51).

“Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, who took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them; but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps.

“And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so, lest there be not enough for us and you; but go rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage; and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch, therefore; for ye know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of man cometh (Mt. 25:1-13).

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to every man according to his ability; and straightway took his journey. Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made other five talents. And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. But he that had received one went and [dug] in the earth, and hid his lord’s money.

“After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents; behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

“He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents; behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

“Then he that had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee, that thou art a hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not [spread], And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth; lo, there thou hast what is thine. His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not [spread]? Thou oughtest, therefore, to have put my money to the exchangers, and then, at my coming, I should have received mine own with [interest]. Take, therefore, the talent from him, and give it unto him who hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance; but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. And cast the unprofitable servant into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth” (Mt. 25:14-30).

[The disciples 5th question]: “And what shall be the sign of the end of the [age]” (Mt. 24:3g)?

[Jesus answered]: “When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory. And before him shall be gathered all the nations; and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats.

“And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; For I was [hungry], and ye gave me [food]; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; Naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

“Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee [hungry], and fed thee; or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in; or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

“Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels; For I was [hungry], and ye gave me no [food]; I was

thirsty, and ye gave me no drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me not in; naked, and ye clothed me not; sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

“Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee [hungry], or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal.”

And it came to pass that, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said unto his disciples, Ye know that after two days is the feast of the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified (Mt. 25:31-26:2).