

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"The Last Days"
Luke 21:5-19
Study-87

"Last Days" the only reliable and true word 2 Peter 1:19

"Olivet Discourse" because of **Mark 13:3 sitting on the Mount of Olives** or some call it, **"The Little Apocalypse"** Prophetic passage dealing with the last days.

Matthew 24-25, Mark 13, Luke 21. Luke 2 discourses on the last days
Luke 12:35-59; 21

"The Tribulation" (Daniel 9 "Week") is a period of 7 years the **"Great Tribulation"** is the last 3 ½ years of the Tribulation period.

Jeremiah 30:7 "Jacob's Trouble" Revelation 6-19 describes this period. It is called the 70th week of Daniel.

"Pre-Tribulationest" That prior to the tribulation the Church will be raptured from the earth. **1 Thessalonians 5:9**

Revelation 3:10 I also will keep you from the hour of testing.
1 Thessalonians 4:17

This passage before us is speaking about Israel not the Church, it is not speaking about the rapture but His second coming to earth. *Keep in mind that this was a message given to Jews by a Jew about the future of the Jewish nation.*

Verses 5–19 The Last Days: (Description of the Age)

Verses 20–24 The Destruction of the Temple:

Verses 25–28 The Return of the Lord:

Verses 29–38 The Responsibilities of the Believers:

The Thought Of Our Passage: "God's Revelation Of The Future Is Not To Puff Us Up But Provoke Us To Live And Develop Christlikeness"

1. Verses 5-7 The Setting:

2. Verses 8-19 Description Of The Age:

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Luke 21:5 And Context – Passion Week Tuesday that is referred to as **"The Day of Controversy"** **Luke 21:1-4** Widows Sacrificial Gift,
(Last time in temple)

while some were talking about the temple, Jesus was teaching in the Court of the Women.

Some of the stones were the size of boxcars. Temple was a wonder of their day. 40 feet long, 18 feet high. It was 46 years in building and was completed in 63 AD. Temple was 4 football fields wide and 5 football fields long; Covered with marble, plates of gold.

Luke 21:6 "As for these things which you are looking at, what things is Jesus referring to? The temple. **Mark 13:1**

Pictures of Temple Mount: Mark 13:3 And as He was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple,

will not be torn down." The temple had been under construction for 46 years it is one of the wonders of that age.

not be left one stone upon another which will not be torn down."

Fulfilled in 70AD by Titus of Rome. Rome surrounded the city and for two months held the city captive. The famine was great. Million died. Food cut off and starvation hit.

Roman army got in and slaughtered the Jews. 100,000 Jewish prisoners.

Some teach that Luke 21 is speaking exclusively about the destruction of the temple.

Luke 21:7 Jesus is asked two questions:

1. When will this be? (Destruction of the temple?)
2. What will be the sign when it is going to happen? (Destruction of the temple?)

Matthew 24 asks 3 questions: **Matthew** does not focus on the temple and the destruction but about His second coming. **Matthew 24:3**

1. When will these things be, (destruction of temple)
2. What will be the sign of your coming? (Second coming not rapture, they are Jews)
3. And the end of the age? (His kingdom the Jewish age) **Matthew** and **Mark** focus on the future tribulation, **Luke** on destruction of the temple.

This is a bridge of warning against the coming judgment of the rejection of Jesus Christ. (We should take this to heart!)

2. Verses 8-19 Description Of The Age:

Luke 21:8 And He said, "See to it - "Stay awake" Don't sleep but keep watch! Use your eyes to discern a matter. (Spiritual and physical)

that you be not misled; This is the key to this discourse.

8 Do not go after them.

9 do not be terrified;

14 "So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand to defend yourselves;

Psalm 34:7; Isaiah 41:10

Jesus Gives Five Signs of The Times: Signs that will multiply and intensify.

1st Sign of The Times – Spiritual Delusion: for many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not go after them.

Theudas - **Acts 5:36-37**; Bar-Jesus means "son of Joshua" or "son of the Savior." In **Acts 13:8**, the sorcerer and false prophet. He challenged Paul and Barnabas in Cyprus. *Many false Christ's and cults. (2 Peter 2)*

False Prophet Mohamed -

Jesus Christ Latter Day Saint - Mormons -

Jehovah's Witnesses' J.W. 's Watch Tower Society -

Liberal Church -

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People will still go! Jesus clearly stated that nobody knows the time of His return (**Matthew 24:36-44**)

2nd Sign of The Times – International Distress: Luke 21:9 "When you hear of wars and disturbances, do not be terrified;

for these things must take place first, but the end does not follow immediately." Last days civil unrest going to take place but not the end.

Luke 21:10 "Nation will rise against nation World War 1, World War 2, Desert Storm, Afghanistan, Ukraine and Russian.

3rd Sign of The Times – Catastrophes: Luke 21:11 and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places During this lifetime of eruption of Vesuvius buried Pompeii and the people, and a famine in Rome. There was an earthquake in Laodicea.

plagues and famines; Plagues – "virus" Diseases' Black death, 1300's in Europe, carried by rats, killed 60 percent of the population of Europe in excess of a hundred million people.

4th Sign of The Times – Cosmic Signs: and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. Stars falling from heaven, destroying water, oceans eco-system.

Covers the tribulation **Matthew 24/Revelation 6:1-17**

Seal judgments, then **Trumpet** then **Bowl judgments**.

5th Sign of The Times – Religious Persecution By Government/Family: Luke 21:12 "But before all these things, the things Jesus just warned about *Spiritual Delusion: International Distress: Catastrophes: Cosmic Signs:*

they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, Peter and John, the Sanhedrin for preaching and healing. **Acts 4-5** Stephen **Acts 6:10; 7:2-54**; Saul persecutes **Acts 8:1-3**; James murdered **12:1-5** Paul stood before Agrippa. **Acts 25:12-26:32**

Luke 21:13 "It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony. The word martyr means witness. **Acts 1:8**

Luke 21:14-15

Luke 21:16 Deuteronomy 6:4 God is the Lord, Rome said Caesar is Lord, Jesus is Lord. **Matthew 10:34-36**

John 15:18; Acts 7:54-60 Stephan was murdered **Acts 12:12** James is murdered

Luke 21:17 and you will be hated by all because of My name. **Luke 12:51; 2 Timothy 3:12**

Luke 21:18 "Yet not a hair of your head will perish. **Matthew 10:29-31**

Luke 21:19 "By your endurance you will gain your lives. The long haul! **1 John 2:19**

Application:

1. Jesus Warns Of Deception. How Do We Avoid Being Misled? By Staying True To The Savior And The Scriptures:
2. Between The First And Second Coming Of Jesus, History Will Be Marked By Relentless Troubles:
3. This Prophecy Should Produce A Humble Heart, A Christ-like Character, A Love And A Concern For The Lost:
4. The Name Of Jesus Christ Brings A Great Division. Luke 12:51 "Do you suppose that I came to grant peace on earth? I tell you, no, but rather division;