

Matthew 24:1-31 ENCORE

- 1) Why is Matthew 24-25 called “The Olivet Discourse”?
- 2) The discussion which led to the Olivet Discourse began as Jesus and His disciples left the Temple. Jesus made a shocking statement regarding the Temple “Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down” (Matthew 24:2). The Jerusalem Temple was an awesome structure, how long had it taken to build (John 2:20)?
- 3) How important was the Temple in first century Jewish life?
- 4) The Temple was destroyed in AD 70 by the Roman army; just as Jesus prophesied. Interestingly Jesus also said that the ‘abomination of desolation’ would stand in the holy place (in the Temple) during the Tribulation Period. That means that the Temple which was destroyed will have to be rebuilt, unfortunately the Muslim “Dome of the Rock” is now built on the Temple Mount. How likely is it that a Jewish Temple will be constructed on the Temple Mount in the near future?
- 5) Why are people (generally) intrigued by “end times” or apocalyptic discussions, movies or books?
- 6) The disciples asked Jesus "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age" Matt 24:3 (NKJV)? They were basically asking “when is the end of the world going to take place?” Was that a good or bad question?
- 7) Will the world come to a catastrophic end in 2012 (some say the Mayan calendar predicts this)?
- 8) The “abomination of desolation” will likely be a graven image or an idol likeness of the antichrist. People will then be told to worship this image and the antichrist it represents. Why did Jesus (and Daniel under inspiration) call this thing an “abomination of desolation”?
- 9) What will be one of the Satan’s main goals, purposes and tools during the Tribulation Period (see Matthew 24:4-5, 11, 23-24)?
- 10) When Jesus comes again at the end of the Tribulation Period how will He be received (Matthew 24:30)?
- 11) What will happen to God’s enemies at the end of the Tribulation period (Revelation 19:19-21)?
- 12) What would you do if you knew Jesus was coming tomorrow?
- 13) What would you not do if you knew Jesus was coming today?
- 14) If you knew for certain that Jesus would return in five years what changes would you make?
- 15) What did Jesus tell His disciples in John 14:1-3?
- 16) What application did He leave us with in Mark 13:34-37?