

— Matthew 24.1-3 —
Kingdom Mini-Series 14

The Olivet Discourse: What Are the Disciples Asking?

Mat 24.1 Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. 2 And Jesus said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.” 3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”

* The second part of the Olivet Discourse is prompted by ... (vs 3), which in turn were prompted by ... (vs 2).

* The disciples' questions about Christ's "coming" and "the end of the age" make us moderns think they are asking about what?

* That leads to serious problems, because skeptics and atheists use it to charge that Jesus is a ...

* The Greek word here for "coming" is *parousia*, which simply means ...

Phil 2.12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not only in my presence [parousia], but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

* How does *parousia* take on the meaning of "coming"?

1Cor 16.17 I am glad about the coming [parousia] of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied.

* Parousia sometimes is used to distinguish

presence from _____ presence.

2Pet 1.16-17 We did not follow cleverly devised tales when we

made known to you the power and coming [parousia] of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

* The *parousia* of the LORD is closely associated with the _____ of the LORD.

* In 2Thes 2.1-2, Paul refers to "the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" as _____.

* Is it legitimate to call the second advent of Christ the coming of Christ or the day of the Lord?

1Cor 15.22-24: 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. 23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. 24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.

* But the "coming" or *parousia* of Christ, or the day of the Lord, can also refer to Christ manifesting his

by _____ on a wicked nation.

Isaiah 13.6, 9: 6 Wail, for the day of the LORD is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty ... 9 Behold, the day of the LORD comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it.

* You can have a *parousia* of Christ where he brings discipline on a

Rev 2.5 “Repent and do the deeds you did at first, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand.”

Rev 2.16 “Repent, or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of my mouth.”

Rev 3.3 “Wake up” and “repent,” or “I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.”

* In Mat 26.64, when Jesus tells the high priest, "Hereafter, you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven," how would the high priest have understood him?

Dan 7.13 [Daniel saw] one like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven ... to the Ancient of Days ... 14 and to him was given dominion, glory, and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed."

Isa 19.1 Behold, the LORD rides on a swift cloud, and will come into Egypt."

* The destruction of Jerusalem and the temple marked the end of the ...

Heb 1.1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke ... to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by his Son."

Heb 9.24 For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; 25 not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another—26 He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

* The 40 year period between the ascension of Christ and the destruction of Jerusalem was a period of ...

1John 2.18 Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us ...

* God ruled the OC world thru the administration of ...

Heb 2.1 Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. 2 For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, 3 how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, 4 God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will? 5 For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels. 6 But ... 8 "You have put all things in subjection under his feet." For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him ...

* When God the Son, the pre-incarnate Jesus, appeared in the OT, he appeared in the form of

(Gen 22.11-18; Exo 3.2; Jud 2.1).

* We see from Dan 10.12-13 that specific angels were assigned to

* Why hasn't God put the NC world in subjection to angels?

* In the OD, the disciples' questions pertain to the same thing, which is

and they are not motivated by curiosity, but by a desire to

_____.
* In Mat 24.15-16, Jesus will tell the disciples that when they see certain things happening, they are to _____

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