

## Olivet Discourse

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- a. **Note:** The scriptural text below is a blend of what we see in the three gospels that covered the Olivet Discourse [Matthew 24:3-44, Mark 13:3-37 and Luke 17:22-37 and 21:7-36] (Luke 17 were not from the discussion on the Mount of Olives but refers to the same topic.) **These scriptures will be noted as “Combined Gospel Narrative (CGN).”**

#### **Disciples Question Jesus:**

**(CGN)** Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, some of the disciples (Peter, James, John, and Andrew) 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?”

#### **False Christ and Deception:**

**(CGN)** “Take heed that you are not deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and ‘The time has drawn near.’ and will deceive many. Therefore, do not go after them.

#### **The sign of Wars and Commotions:**

**(CGN)** You will hear of wars and rumors of wars and commotions. See that you are not troubled or terrified; for all these things must come to pass first, but the end will not come immediately. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

#### **Whole of Creation Affected:**

**(CGN)** And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. All these are the beginning of sorrows.

#### **Persecution of Believers:**

**(CGN)** But watch out for yourselves. Before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name’s sake. When they arrest you and deliver you up, do not worry as it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony. Therefore, settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist.

#### **Betrayal and Hatred:**

**(CGN)** You will be betrayed even by parents, children, brothers, relatives and friends; and by their betrayal they will put some of you to death. And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. But not a hair of your head shall be lost.

#### **False Prophets Deceive Many Resulting in Lawlessness:**

Then many false prophets will rise and deceive many.  
And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who

endures to the end shall be saved.

**Gospel of the Kingdom Preached:**

**(CGN)** And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

**Abomination of Desolation:**

**(CGN)** Therefore, when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not - in the holy place (whoever reads, let him understand). But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near.

**Israel Flees to Safety:**

**(CGN)** Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people. And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.

**Great Tribulation:**

**(CGN)** For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And they will fall by the edge of the sword and be led away captive into all nations.

**Time of the Gentiles:**

**(CGN)** And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.

**Another Warning about False Christ:**

**(CGN)** “The days will come when you desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand. “Therefore, if they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; or ‘Look, He is in the inner rooms!’ do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. And they answered and said to Him, “Where, Lord?” So, He said to them, “Wherever the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together.”

**The Second Coming of the Son of Man**

**(CGN)** “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the

clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

**The Parable of Fig Tree:**

**(CGN)** “Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So, you also, when you see all these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near—at the doors! Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

**No One Knows the Day and Hour:**

**(CGN)** “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

**Like the Days of Noah and Lot:**

**(CGN)** But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away and destroyed them all, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

**(CGN)** Likewise, as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed. Remember Lot’s wife. Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.

**The Importance of Watching:**

**(CGN)** “ I tell you, in that night there will be two men in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left. Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.

It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning— lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping.

And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch! Therefore, you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.

Watch therefore and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.

**Parables unique to Matthew’s Gospel.**

**Faithful Verses the Evil Servant: Matthew 24:45-51 (NKJV):** Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**The Ten Virgins: Matthew 25:1-13 (NKJV):** "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.