

Parables of the Kingdom - 3

It was just two days before the crucifixion. Jesus was with the disciples again in the temple. They were admiring the temple building, and it certainly was magnificent. History tells us that it was made of marble and covered with gold. Although it was beautiful, it had not been used as God intended. Jesus told the disciples that it would be destroyed. This made them curious. "When is this going to happen?" they asked. Then this led to another question, a question that interests us too.

What were the three questions that the disciples asked Jesus in Matthew 24:1-3?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Jesus answered these at the same time. Many of the events Jesus spoke of were fulfilled, just 40 years later, when the Romans destroyed the temple. However Jesus is also telling us what will take place before He returns again.

1. What will be the signs of Jesus' coming? **Matthew 24**

Make a list of the things that will take place before Jesus' returns:

1. V4-5 _____
2. V6 _____
3. V7 _____
4. V7 _____

What are these things described as? V8 _____

5. V9 _____
6. V10 _____
7. V11 _____
8. V12 _____
9. V14 _____

The prophecy in verse 15 is taken from Daniel 9. Although this was fulfilled in history, there could be a double fulfilment, and there will be a time in the future when an idol or image is erected in the Holy Place in the temple. At present there is no temple in Jerusalem, but the Jewish people have already prepared the materials for the temple to be rebuilt.

10. V23-26 _____ Also see v5 and 11.

What will Jesus' coming be like? v29-31

2. **When will Jesus come again?** **Matthew 24:32-41**

a.) **We will know when the time is near** Matthew 24:32-35



How will we know when the time is near?

b.) **We will not know the day or hour** Matthew 24:36-41

Although Jesus gives us signs to watch for, He did not tell us the exact time.

Who knows when that day will be? _____

What will His coming be like? _____

3. **How can we be ready for His coming?** **Matthew 24:42-51**

It is exciting to hear about the Second Coming of Jesus, but it is more important to be ready! Jesus tells two parables in this chapter to show the importance of being prepared.

a.) **Parable of the Thief** Matthew 24:42-44



What can we learn from this story?

b.) **Parable of the Servant** Matthew 24:45-51



What is the Lord saying to you from this story?

Each day the coming of Jesus draws closer! We know from the events taking place around us that His coming is near. Three times Jesus warned the disciples about deception, so we need to be on guard by staying in God's Word and building our relationship with Him. Let's make sure we are ready!