



COMING SOON!

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Wednesday July 9th, 5:30 p.m.

LADIES WOMEN IN THE WORD

Bible Study July 19, 10, a.m. Chapter

HAWAIIAN DINNER

July 20th, Following morning worship

MEN'S SEEKERS OF TRUTH

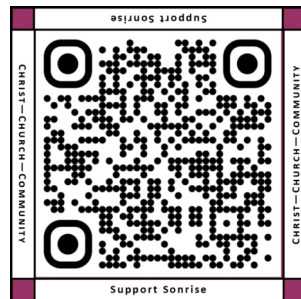
Bible Study

July 26, 9 a.m. chapter 6

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**THE END
HAS COME**
understanding
the End of Days!

Thus says the Lord GOD:

Disaster after disaster! See, it comes. An
end has come, **THE END HAS COME.**
It has awakened against you; see, it comes!
Ezekiel 3:18-19 NIV

Bob Highlands III

**Four ABSOLUTE Rules you must follow
if you plan to Interpret Scripture Correctly**

1. Scripture _____ Scripture!
2. The _____ interprets the difficult!
3. NOTHING out of _____ !
4. _____ IS **BOSS!!!**

Matthew 24

- ♦ Matthew 24 is called the _____
because it was delivered by Jesus to His disciples on the
Mount of Olives overlooking Jerusalem.
- ♦ It has two parallel sections in Luke 21 and Mark 13 that
help us understand and correctly interpret Matthew 24.
- ♦ It is quoted all the time by FRUITCAKE preachers to prove
that the end of time is about to happen. They are
_____ wrong.
- ♦ The details of this prophecy are covered in my book, The
End Has Come. Today, we will provide a brief overview
using the four rules to guide our understanding of this
chapter.

The PROPHECY about the Temple's Total Destruction

- ♦ Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. And He said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not _____ stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down." Matthew 24.1-2
- ♦ The disciples had to be _____. The temple was the heart of Jewish worship and culture, representing their unique relationship as a special people of God.



The QUESTION(S) The Disciples Ask

- ♦ *As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"* Matthew 24.3
- ♦ In Matthew, there are three separate questions about three separate events that the disciples want to know about.
 1. When is the temple going to be _____ ?
 2. What _____ will happen, so we know you are coming back?
 3. When will the world come to an _____ ?



This week, we are looking at Parables

After Jesus spoke about his return, he added a section of warning and directions for believers and their need to be ready. Some of this is in parables. Here we can learn what Jesus taught and knew about the afterlife, judgment, and Rewards.

MONDAY—Read Matthew 25.1-13 This parable is directed at believers. Find **FIVE key truths** that Jesus was trying to teach His disciples with this parable. What is the most important lesson of this parable?

TUESDAY—Read Matthew 25.14-30 How does this parable compare to the previous one about the virgins? Find FOUR key truths or lessons in this parable. Which one is the most important and why?

WEDNESDAY—Read Matthew 25.31-46 How does this teaching compare to the previous one on virgins and workers? Find THREE key truths or lessons Jesus is sharing.

THURSDAY—Read Matthew 25.31-46 again. What TWO key facts do we learn about eternity here? How should this impact the way believers live their daily lives?

FRIDAY—Read Matthew 13.3-8 & Matthew 13.18-23 What ONE key fact do we learn from this parable? How should this shape our approach to the Word of God?

BONUS - Read Matthew 13.24-30 & Matthew 13.36-43 How many key facts can you find in this parable? What is the ONE key lesson from this parable?



What we have learned from Matthew 24

- ♦ **Scripture INTERPRETS Scripture!**
 - ♦ Luke 21 helps us understand Matthew 24
- ♦ **The SIMPLE interprets the difficult!**
 - ♦ The Abomination of Desolation was when Jerusalem was surrounded by armies.
- ♦ **NOTHING out of CONTEXT!**
 - ♦ Everything between verses 4 and 34 in Matthew 24 is about Jerusalem in the first century and has absolutely nothing to do with the end of time.
- ♦ **JESUS IS _____ !!!**
 - ♦ Jesus said His return would be like the flood in Noah's time.
 - ♦ Jesus said that _____ knows when this are going to happen.
 - ♦ Jesus said _____ and _____ are coming, and we must be _____ .

The QUESTION(S) The Disciples Ask (Matthew)

- ♦ *Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are going to be fulfilled?*
Mark 13.4
 - ♦ *Teacher, when therefore will these things happen? And what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?* Luke 21.7
1. Their question here is only about the _____ being torn down and how they can know it is about to happen.
 2. They _____ ask about His return or the end of Time.
 3. Remember, **scripture interprets scripture.**



Historical TIMESTAMP

- ♦ The temple was totally destroyed in _____ A.D. by the Roman General Titus. This was after a brutal battle that ended with the temple being set on fire and ripped apart to get the gold that had melted between the stones. Literally _____ was left on another.
- ♦ In 81 or 82 A.D. Domitian erected the **ARCH of TITUS** in Rome to commemorate the official deification of his brother, Titus, and Titus's victory over the Jewish rebellion in Judaea in 70 A.D.

JESUS is BOSS!

- ♦ “Truly I say to you, this _____ will not pass away until all these things take place. Matthew 24.34
- ♦ Jesus put a timestamp on when this prophecy would be fulfilled.
- ♦ Those disciples and those who _____ to Jesus would still be alive when the temple was destroyed. **JESUS SAID SO...**
- ♦ Jesus also gave a **list of things or events** that would take place before the temple was destroyed in 70 A.D.
- ♦ This list is detailed in verses 4 through 33.



The LIST of things Jesus said would happen

- ♦ Vs. 5 Many would claim to be Christ, trying to deceive the people.
- ♦ Vs. 6 Wars and _____ of wars.
- ♦ Vs. 7 Nation against nation & Kingdom against kingdoms
- ♦ Vs 7 Famines and _____
- ♦ Vs. 9 Tribulation for believers, many killed, hated by many
- ♦ Vs 10 Many believers will _____ and stop following Jesus.
- ♦ Vs. 11 False prophets would mislead many into false beliefs.
- ♦ Vs. 12 Lawlessness will increase, causing many to _____.
- ♦ Vs. 13 **Everyone who endures all this will be saved.**
- ♦ Vs. 14 Gospel _____ to all nations, and then the end will come. This is fulfilled as shown in Acts 2.5, Romans 1.8, 1 Corinthians 1.5-6, 23.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ♦ Vss. 40-51 Warns the believer to be _____ at any time.
- ♦ Vss. 40-41 The righteous and unrighteous will be _____.
- ♦ Vss. 42-44 You should be _____ at all times because He will return without any warning and judge everyone as they are found.
- ♦ Vss. 45-51 The faithful follower will be _____, and the unfaithful and non-believers will be _____ severely.
- ♦ **The entire 25th Chapter of Matthew** is about Judgment and the separation and _____ of the wicked, and the _____ and celebrating of the righteous.





The TWO DEFINITIVE SIGNS that Jesus is about to come back and bring time to an end.

- ♦ Vss. 37-39 “For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. “For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.”
- ♦ The _____ are:
- ♦ People will be _____ and _____
- ♦ People will be _____ and _____ to get married.
- ♦ Luke 17.28 Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot— they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building,
- ♦ THERE ARE _____ THAT WILL TELL YOU HE IS COMING BACK! It is a _____ !!!

The WARNING

- ♦ vs. 15 “Therefore when you see the _____ OF _____ which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place
- ♦ **Scripture interprets Scripture**
- ♦ **Simple explains the difficult**
- ♦ Luke 21.20 says
But **when you see** _____ **surrounded by** **armies**, then recognize that her _____ is near.
- ♦ When this happens, they are given directions on what to do next.



The DIRECTIONS given believers

- ♦ Vs. 16 those in Judea _____ to the mountains
- ♦ Vs. 17 Those on the housetops get out of town as quickly as possible. _____ , don’t worry about packing, just run for the hills.
- ♦ Vs. 18 Those in the field don’t go home to get anything, _____ !
- ♦ Vs. 19 _____ who are pregnant or have infants are in trouble.
- ♦ Vs. 20 Pray this does not happen in the dead of winter.
- ♦ Vs. 21 This would be the _____ in history.
- ♦ Vs. 22 God will cut the suffering short to save the believers.
- ♦ Vs 23 Don’t believe in any _____ **Christs** who present a _____ **hope**.
- ♦ Vs. 24 False Christs and False Prophets will show wonders and signs.
- ♦ Vs 28 Wherever the _____ is, there the _____ will gather.

The OUTCOME

- ♦ Vss. 29-31 shows the downfall of the Jewish nation and the rise of the Christian Church.
- ♦ This is stated in _____ about the fall of the JEWISH nation. *"THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the HEAVENS will be shaken.*
- ♦ This is prophetic language surrounding the _____ and the loss of power and authority of the Jewish leaders.
- ♦ This is language showing the growth and rise of the _____. *"He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other."*

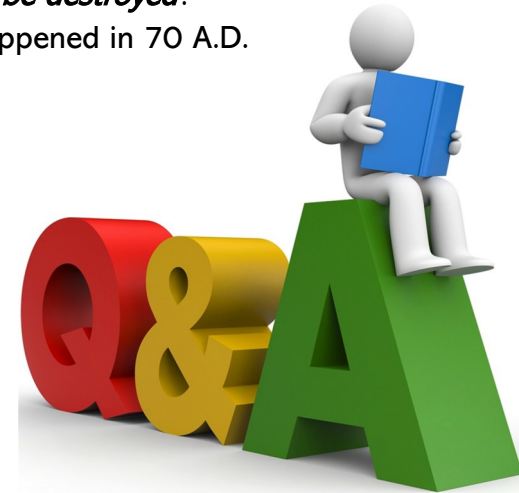


The PARABLE

- ♦ Vss. 32-33 *"Now LEARN the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near; so, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, right at the door."*
- ♦ Jesus _____ them in advance, and the Christians responded by fleeing the non-Christians (Jews), retreating into Jerusalem, because false prophets told them God would never let the temple fall into pagan hands.

The Timestamp Nothing out of context

- ♦ Vss. 34-35 "Truly I say to you, _____ will not pass away until all these things take place.
"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away."
- ♦ **JESUS has now answered the first Question.** *When will the temple be destroyed?*
- ♦ This happened in 70 A.D.



The Final TWO questions from Matthew

- ♦ Luke and Mark do not answer these questions because they were never asked in their gospels.
- ♦ The last two questions are linked together by Jesus. He shows that his return and the end of time are the same thing.
- ♦ Vs. 36 *"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the _____."*
- ♦ The time of the return and end of time are hidden from everyone, especially FRUITCAKE preachers who predict they know what Jesus said not even He knew.
- ♦ The best way to keep a secret is to tell not one. This is how God the Father is handling the end of time.