

LUKE 21 – 07/27/2025

LUKE 21:6-7

⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” ⁷ And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?”

MATTHEW 24:2-3 & LUKE 21:6-7

Luke questions:

- When will “these things” happen?
- What will be the “sign” when they’re about to take place?

Matthew questions:

- When will these things be?
- What will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”

HOW DOES JESUS ANSWER THE QUESTION? LUKE 21:8-9 & MATTHEW 24:5-6?

In both Luke and Matthew, he cautioned them about those coming in His name claiming to be Him.

- Do not be deceived by them
- Do not follow them
- Do not be frightened” by them
- When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place,
- (Luke) concludes with “but the end will not be at once”
- (Matthew) concludes with “but the end is not yet”.

LUKE 21:12-19

¹² But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³ This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴ Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵ for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all for my name's sake. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your lives.

UP TO 70 AD – LUKE 21:12-19

- Persecution
- Prisons
- Brought before Kings
- Opportunity for your testimony.
- Don't prepare to defend yourselves
- By endurance you will gain life
- Utterance and wisdom
- Betrayal
- Death
- Hated
- No perishing
- By endurance you will gain life

LUKE 21:20-24

²⁰ “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹ Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, ²² for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³ Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. ²⁴ They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

TEMPLE'S DESTRUCTION 68-70 AD – LUKE 21:20-24

- Jerusalem surrounded by armies
- Judea must flee to the mountains
- Days of vengeance
- Great distress
- Wrath to the people
- They will fall by sword
- Led captive into all nations
- Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

LUKE 21:10-11

- **10** Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. **11** There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.

LUKE 21:10-11 & MATTHEW 24:7-8

- nation will rise against nation
- great earthquakes
- plagues and famines
- terrors and great signs from heaven
- Matthew's list has these same items and he says in verse 8: "All these are but the beginning of the birth pains".

MATTHEW 24:9-14

⁹ “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name’s sake. ¹⁰ And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹ And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. ¹² And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. 11

MATTHEW 24:9-14 THE BIRTH PAINS

Jesus tells of things that will happen next in much greater detail. What are those details?

MATTHEW 24:15-28

¹⁵ “So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), ¹⁶ then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷ Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, ¹⁸ and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. ¹⁹ And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days!

MATTHEW 24:15-28

²⁰ Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. ²¹ For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. ²² And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. ²³ Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There he is!’ do not believe it.

MATTHEW 24:15-28

²⁴ For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵ See, I have told you beforehand. ²⁶ So, if they say to you, 'Look, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look, he is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. ²⁷ For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ²⁸ Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

MATTHEW 24:29-31

²⁹ “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, 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. ³¹ And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

LUKE 21:25-28

25 “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, 26 people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

LUKE 21:25-28

- Signs in sun, moon, stars
- On earth dismay / distress and perplexity about roaring sea and waves
- Men fainting from fear, expectation / foreboding of things coming on the world
- The powers of heavens shaken, then they'll see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

CHRIST'S RETURN - IN THE CLOUDS

“At that time, **they** will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory” (v. 27).

CHRIST'S RETURN - IN THE CLOUDS

Daniel 7:13-14

¹³ I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

¹⁴ And to him was given dominion and 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 one that shall not be destroyed.

REDEMPTION IS DRAWING NEAR

“²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

MATTHEW 24 & LUKE 21 COMPARISON

What differences stands out to you between in account in Luke and the one in Matthews?

LUKE 21:29-33

²⁹ And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

VERSES 29-33

The Parable of the Fig Tree, what is it trying to tell us?

VERSES 29-33

Verse 32 “Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all things take place.”

How do we understand this?

LUKE 21:34-36

³⁴ “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

How did Jesus end this teaching to His disciples?

- It's another warning.
- That day will come on all who dwell on the earth.
- The one who is weighted down with the things of life will be suddenly caught by the things of the end.
- Keep alert all the time.
- Pray to have strength:
 - to escape these things that are to happen
 - to stand before the Son of Man

LUKE 21:37-38

³⁷ And every day he was teaching in the temple, but at night he went out and lodged on the mount called Olivet. ³⁸ And early in the morning all the people came to him in the temple to hear him.