

HARMONY AND COMPARISON
Matthew, Mark, and Luke on the Olivet Discourse

CHURCH AGE

<p>Mt 24:3 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 <i>will be</i> the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"</p>	<p>Mk 13:3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately, 4 "Tell us, when will these things be? And what <i>will be</i> the sign when <u>all these things will be fulfilled</u>?"</p>	<p>Lk 21:7 So they asked Him, saying, "Teacher, but when will these things be? And what sign <i>will there be</i> when these things are about to take place?"</p>
<p>Mt 24:4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.</p>	<p>Mk 13:5 And Jesus, answering them, began to say: "Take heed that no one deceives you. 6 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am <i>He</i>,' and will deceive many.</p>	<p>Lk 21:8 And He said: "Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am <i>He</i>,' and, 'The time has drawn near.' Therefore do not go after them.</p>
<p>Mt 24:6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all <i>these things</i> must come to pass, but the end is not yet.</p>	<p>Mk 13:7 But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for <i>such things</i> must happen, but the end <i>is</i> not yet.</p>	<p>Lk 21: 9 But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end <i>will not come</i> immediately."</p>

The First Half of the Tribulation (3 ½ Years)

<p>Mt 24:7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these <i>are</i> the beginning of sorrows.</p>	<p>Mk 13:8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines and troubles. These <i>are</i> the beginnings of sorrows.</p>	<p>Lk 21:10 Then He said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. 11 And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.</p>
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DISCIPLES/APOSTLES/EARLY CHURCH

Mk 13:9 "**But** watch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues. You will be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them. **10** And the **gospel must first be preached** to all the nations.

DISCIPLES/APOSTLES/EARLY CHURCH

Lk 21:12 **But before all these things**, they will lay their hands on you and persecute *you*, delivering *you* up to the **synagogues and prisons**. You will be brought before **kings and rulers for My name's sake**. **13** But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony. **14** Therefore settle *it* in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer; **15** for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist. **16** You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put *some* of you to death. **17** And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. **18** But not a hair of your head shall be lost. **19** By your patience possess your souls.

SIGN OF JERUSALEM'S DESTRUCTION 70 AD

Lk 21:20 "**But when you see Jerusalem surrounded** by armies, then know that its desolation is near. **21** Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her. **22** For these are the **days of vengeance**, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. **23** 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. **24** And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And **Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled**.

<p>1st HALF OF THE TRIBULATION</p> <p>Mt 24:9 "<u>Then</u> they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be <u>hated by all nations</u> for My name's sake. 10 And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. 11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. 12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved. 14 And this <u>gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world</u> as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.</p>	<p>1st HALF OF THE TRIBULATION</p> <p>11 <u>But</u> when they arrest <i>you</i> and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. 12 Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father <i>his</i> child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. 13 And you will be <u>hated by all</u> for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.</p>	
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The Second Half of the Tribulation (3 ½ Years)

Mt 24:15 "Therefore when you see the '*abomination of desolation*,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), **16** "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

17 Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. **18** And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. **19** But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! **20** And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.

21 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.

22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

23 "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here *is* the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe *it*. **24** For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

25 See, I have told you beforehand.

26 "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*. **27** For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. **28** For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

Mk 13:14 "So when you see the '*abomination of desolation*,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not" (let the reader understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

15 Let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house. **16** And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. **17** But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! **18** And pray that your flight may not be in winter.

19 For *in* those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be.

20 And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days.

21 "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here *is* the Christ!' or, '**Look, *He is there!***' do not believe it. **22** For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

23 **But take heed**; see, I have told you all things beforehand.

COMING OF CHRIST & THE END OF THE AGE

Mt 24:29 “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.

30 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.

31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Mk 13:24 “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; **25** the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

26 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

27 And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.

Lk 21:25 “And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; **26** men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

27 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

28 Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.”

PARABLE OF THE FIG TREE

<p>Mt 24:32 “Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer <i>is</i> near. 33 So you also, when you see all these things, know <u>that it is near</u>—at the doors!</p> <p>34 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.</p> <p>Mt 24:36 “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.</p>	<p>Mk 13:28 “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. 29 So you also, when you see these things happening, know <u>that it is near</u>—at the doors!</p> <p>30 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.</p> <p>Mk 13:32 “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.</p>	<p>Lk 21:29 Then He spoke to them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. 30 When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. 31 So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the <u>kingdom of God is near</u>.</p> <p>32 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.</p>
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DAYS OF NOAH

<p>Mt 24:37 But as the days of Noah <i>were</i>, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38 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, 39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.</p> <p>40 Then two <i>men</i> will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two <i>women</i> will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left.</p> <p>42 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.</p> <p>43 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. 44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.</p>	
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WATCHING FOR CHRIST'S RETURN

Mt 24:45 “Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? **46** Blessed *is* that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. **47** Assuredly, I say to you that he will **make him ruler over all his goods**. **48** But if that evil servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’ **49** and begins to beat *his* fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, **50** 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, **51** and will cut him in two and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Mk 13:33 Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. **34** *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. **35** 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—**36** lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. **37** And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!”

Lk 21:34 “But 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. **35** For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. **36** 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.”