

Matt 24:8-25 Week 81

The Olivet Discourse--“I’m Coming Back”(Part 2)

Matt 24:8 All these are the beginning of birth pains.9 "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. 10 At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, 11 and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. 12 Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, 13 but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. 15 "So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel-let the reader understand- 16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17 Let no one on the roof of his house go down to take anything out of the house. 18 Let no one in the field go back to get his cloak. 19 How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! 20 Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath. 21 For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now-and never to be equaled again. 22 If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened. 23 At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'There he is!' do not believe it. 24 For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect-if that were possible. 25 See, I have told you ahead of time. NIV

There are at least six indicators in the message that refer to the distant future.

1. The first indicator will be like _____.
2. The second indicator is found in Matt 24:13-14, in which Jesus speaks of believers who will endure the birth pains to the_____.
3. The third indicator is the _____ proclamation of the gospel.
 - The future worldwide declaration of which Jesus spoke will be _____ and instantaneous
 - But we are to _____and seek, by _____, what God is doing. Our responsibility is to seek and prepare for His coming.
4. The fourth indicator of the end times will be severe _____ of believers by the evil, ungodly world.
 - More than ever before in history, the holy people of God will be treated in an unholy way, and in that sense they will be _____ and publicly defiled.

- The courts probably represent _____ authority, and the synagogues obviously represent Jewish authority, indicating that persecution will come from both groups.
- Being identified with Christ's name will cost believers their _____, their rights, (which we already see today) their respect, and often their lives.

5. The fifth indicator is a _____ of the fourth.

- As persecution intensifies in the end times and believers begin to be arrested, hated, and martyred for Christ's sake, many supposed Christians will _____.

Why do we defect today as believers?

- The _____ of following Christ will be too high.
 - The deception of false teachers will be too _____.
 - Sin will be too _____.
- It is not that a person's endurance will produce _____ but that his endurance will be a Spirit-empowered product and proof of the _____ that he is saved.
 - _____ is always a mark of salvation.

6. The sixth indicator that the end time is near will be the worldwide declaration of the _____ to a degree never yet seen.

Final Thoughts

Matt 24:24 For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect-if that were possible. 25 See, I have told you ahead of time.

What do we see coming into the last days or his return?

- The sad _____ of man
- The weakness, lack of wisdom and _____ will be so apparent to all.
- The wonderful _____ of God
- The absolute certainty of the _____