

Jesus Predicts Jerusalem's Fall And A Final Day Of Judgment

Lesson aim: To examine Jesus' teaching concerning the destruction of Jerusalem.

Setting of the Olivet discourse--Mt. 24:1-3; (Mk. 13:1-4; Lk. 21:5-7)

- 1. What prompted the discussion of this chapter? What did Jesus indicate would happen to the temple?*

Beginning of birth pangs--Mt. 24:4-14; (Mk 13:5-13; Lk. 21:8-19)

- 1. What are some of the things that would happen before the destruction of Jerusalem that would not necessarily indicate the prompt arrival of God's judgment?*
- 2. Who did Jesus say would be saved?*

Abomination of desolation and subsequent distress--Mt. 24:15-28; (Mk. 13:14-23; Lk. 21:20-24)

- 1. What sign would indicate that the time for the destruction of Jerusalem had arrived?*
- 2. What were Christians instructed to do when they saw this sign?*

A coming of the Son of Man--Mt. 24:29-31 (Mk. 13:24-27; Lk. 21:25-27)

1. *What kinds of events would precede the second coming?*

Signs of nearness, but unknown time--Mt. 24:32-41; (Mk. 13:28-32; Lk. 21:28-33)

1. *Would there be some observable sign to indicate that the moment had arrived?*
2. *What principles would govern the attitude of the Christian toward all judgments of God upon the wicked?*

Five parables to teach watchfulness and faithfulness--Mt. 24:42-25:30; (Mk. 13:33-37; Lk. 21:34-36)

1. *What message is stressed by each of the parables given in this section?*

Judgment at the Son of Man's coming--Mt. 25:31-46

1. *What will Jesus do at his second coming? What will be the two destinies of mankind? Upon what basis will some be saved and some be lost?*