

Introduction to the Olivet Discourse – Part 2
Mark 13:1-13
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Five points Christ revealed about the future before He gave the Olivet Discourse:

1. Christ will go away

Mark 2:20

John 7:33

2. Jerusalem will be destroyed in judgment

Luke 19:41-44

Luke 13:35

3. Christ will build His church amidst persecution

Matthew 16:18

Matthew 10:16-39

4. Christ will return with His angels in glory

Luke 18:8; Matthew 16:24-27

a.) He will be welcomed by Israel

Matthew 23:37-39

b.) He will raise the believers who have died

John 6:37-40

Luke 20:33-36

c.) He will both punish and reward

Matthew 16:27

Luke 17:23-35

Matthew 13:36-43

Luke 19:11-27

d.) He will sit on His glorious throne

Matthew 19:28

5. Christ will return at an unexpected hour, so be ready

Luke 12:35-48

Next study: Mark 13:1-13

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Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children, but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others:

1. What stood out to you in this sermon? Why?
2. Where is Christ now?
3. Why would Jerusalem be destroyed?
4. What will happen when Christ returns?
5. When Christ returns, He will sit on His glorious throne (Matt 19:28). Do you want Christ to rule over you? Does your life show that you want Christ to rule over you? Explain.
6. How do the passages we studied show our need for salvation?

Going Deeper:

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord:

1. How did this sermon challenge your thinking, or grow your understanding?
2. How should we be affected by Christ's declaration in Matthew 16:18 that He will build His church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it?
3. Are you afraid of Christ's return, or eager for it? Explain.
4. How should we be affected by Christ's promise to raise the believer up on the last day (John 6:40)?
5. What place is Christ's Second Coming to have in our motivations for living the Christian life? Explain.
6. What does it mean to be ready for Christ's return? How ready are you? What should you do to be better prepared?
7. What is the primary way you should be affected by this sermon this week?