

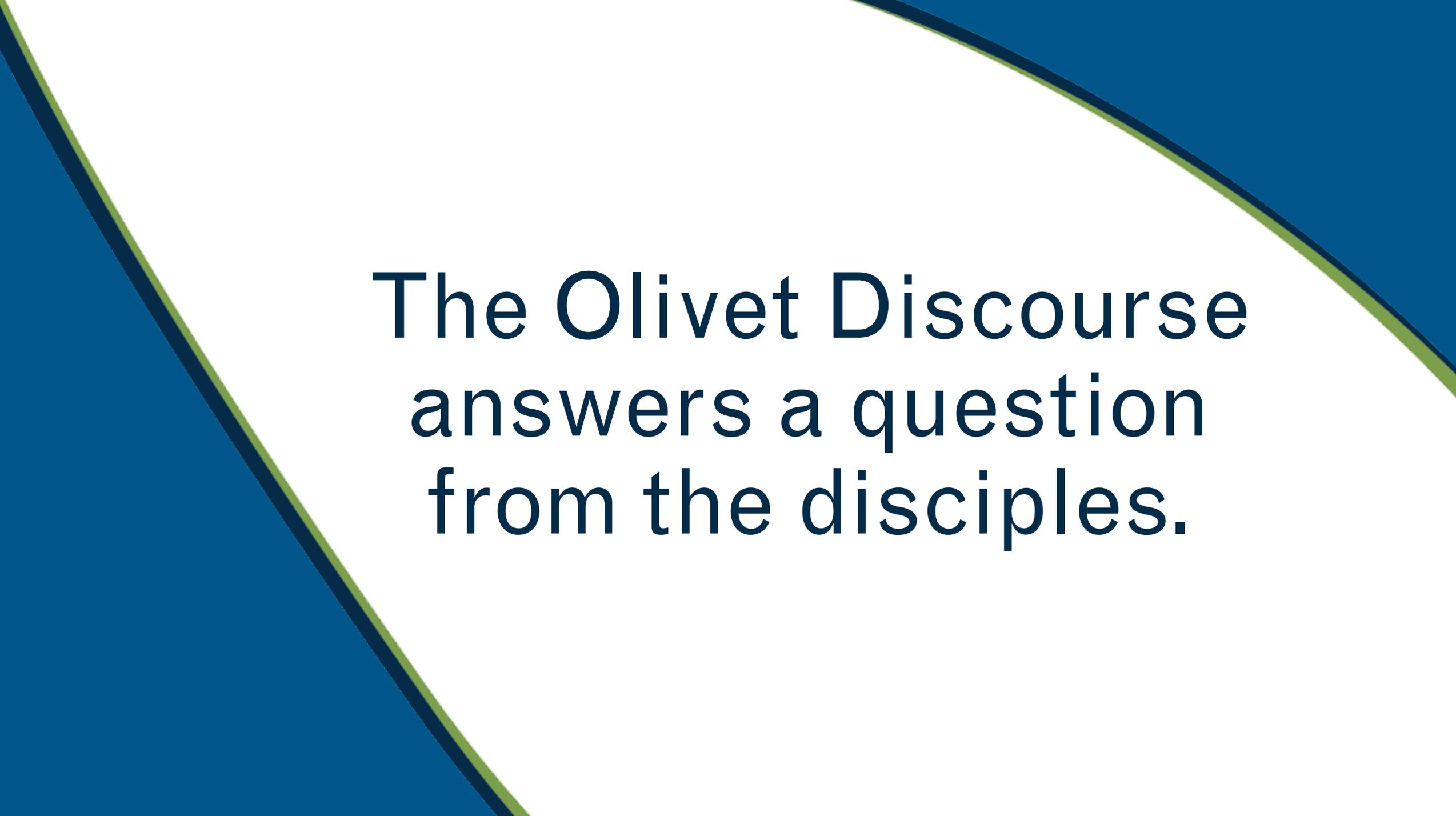


Olivet Discourse (pt.1)

Matthew 24-25



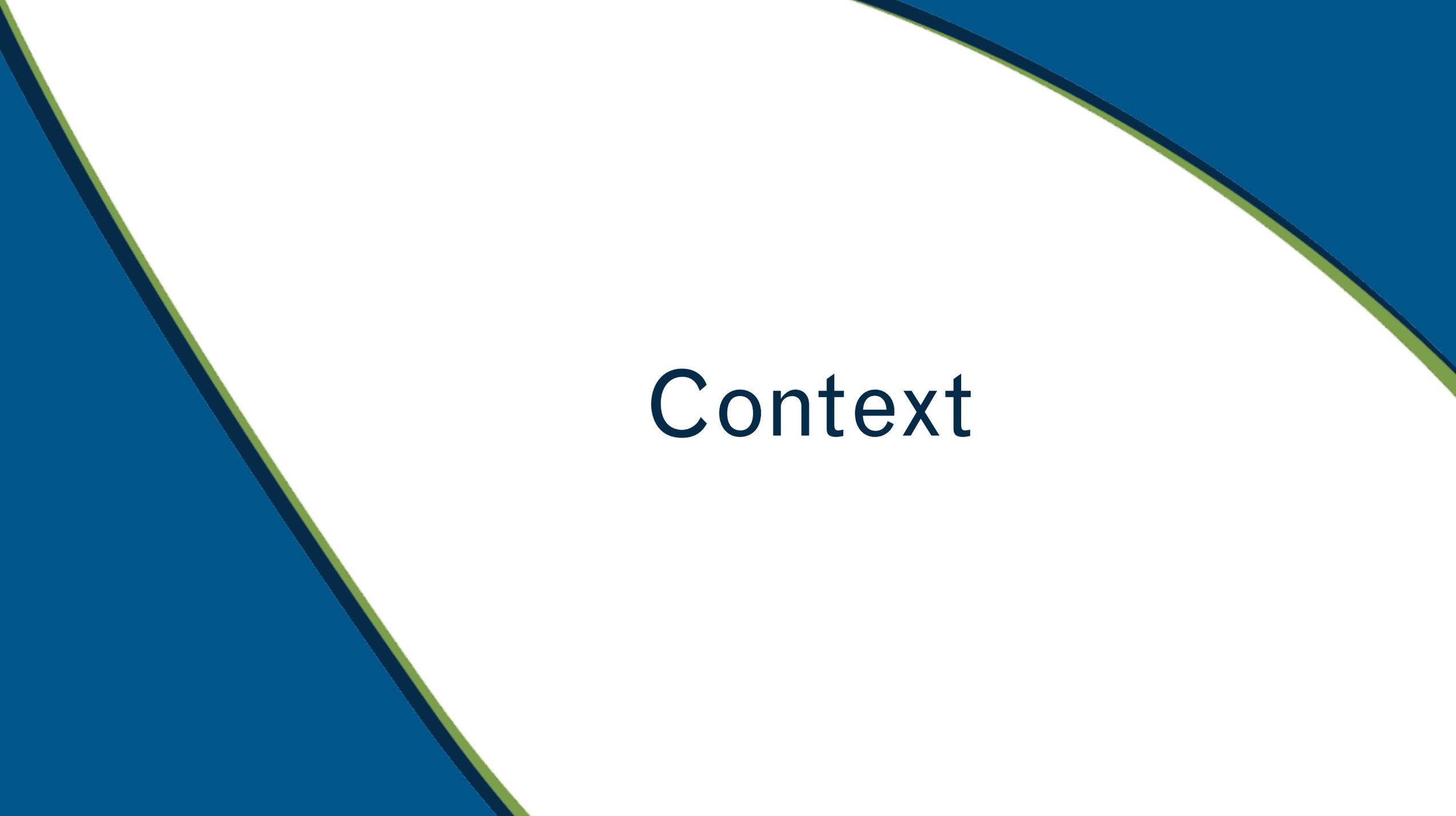
The Context



The Olivet Discourse
answers a question
from the disciples.

What is the question?

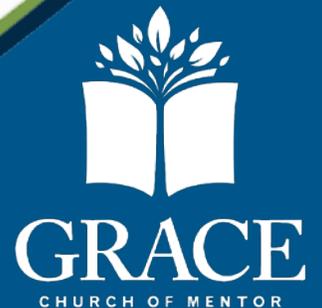
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2. What will be the sign of *your* second coming?
3. What will be the sign that your *Kingdom* has come?



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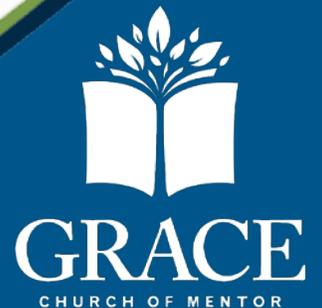
The record of the genealogy of Jesus the
Messiah, the son of David,
the son of Abraham

Matthew 1:1



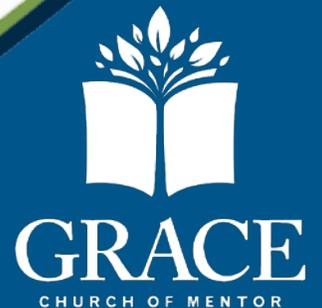
‘BEHOLD YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU’

Matthew 21:42 (Psalm 118)



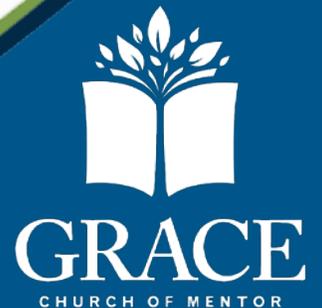
Jesus said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures, ‘THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER *stone*; THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES’?

Matthew 21:42 (Psalm 118)



“... I will build My church...”

Matthew 16:18



Context of this Question

- Matt 22 –Jesus exposes error
- Matt. 23 –Jesus exposes hypocrisy
- Matt 23:37 –Jesus exposes the result: A delayed Kingdom



This question is all about
Israel's rejection of the
Messiah's Kingdom and
upcoming Judgement.

What is the question?

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Other Rapture Systems

- Preterism— Fulfillment (or partial) has already taken place.
- Prewrath— raptured $\frac{3}{4}$ “God shortens” vs. 22
- Partial rapture—backsliders stay put! (parables)
- Posttrib.— Rapture afterwards (30-31)

“And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”

Daniel 9:27



Revelation of the Second Coming

Dan 9:27
(other OT)

Matthew
24-25

Revelation
4-21

Pretribulation Rapture

⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a *mystery*; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52



Pretribulation Rapture

- The Bible presents a “2 stage” event of Christ’s second coming
 - **Rapture**—Christ Coming for His Bride, the Church (John 14:2-3, 1Thess. 4:16–17; 5:1-9)
 - **Second Coming**—The Coming of Christ with the church to set up the millennial kingdom. (Rev. 19:11-20:6)

Pretribulation Rapture

“In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.³ “If I go and prepare a place for you, *I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.*

John 14:2–3



Pretribulation Rapture

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:16–17



Pretribulation Rapture

For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God,¹⁰ and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *that is* Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.

1 Thessalonians 1:9–10



¹ Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you. ² For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. ³ While they are saying, “Peace and safety!” then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape. ⁴ But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief; ⁵ for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness; ⁶ so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober. ⁷ For those who sleep do their sleeping at night, and those who get drunk get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we are of *the* day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

1 Thessalonians 5:1–9



Pretribulation Rapture

- Whole-counsel of God.
- Israel and the church are completely distinct.
- Historical, Literal, Grammatical Hermeneutic.



The Content

Olivet Discourse

- The Lord's ultimate exposition of future events during His incarnation.
- Outline of the future of Israel.
- Christ's love for Israel and their rejection.

Christ's Rejected Love

- **23:37-24:2**
- Christ's tender care
- Israel's rejection and destruction
- Christ is essentially done dealing with Israel until His Second Coming

The Question regarding the Kingdom's arrival (24:3)

- When will Your Kingdom come?



The First Half of the Tribulation (4-14)

The Olivet Discourse

Revelation

false christs

Matt 24:4-5

First seal: Antichrist on a white horse
Rev. 6:1-2

Wars and rumors of wars...nation against nation...

Matt 24:6-7a

Second seal: Warfare

Rev. 6:3-4

Famines

Matt 24: 7b

Third seal: famine

Rev. 6:5-6

Earthquakes

Matt 24 7c

Sixth seal: earthquake

Rev. 6:12-17

The above assumes great amounts of death

Matt 24:4-7

Fourth seal: Death
Fifth seal: Martyrs

Rev 6:7-11

merely the beginning of birth pangs.

Matt. 24:8

This is just the beginning of the Tribulation (1st of 3 judgements)

The Last Half of the Tribulation (15-28)

- Abomination of Desolation

Let no one in any way deceive you, for *it will not come* unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

2Thessalonians 2:3–4



The Last Half of the Tribulation (15-28)

- Abomination of Desolation
- “The elect” vs. 24, 31

Usage of the word “elect”

Christ	Isaiah 42:1
Angels	1 Tim. 5:21
Israel	Isaiah 45:4
Israel	Isaiah 65:9, 22
Church	1 Peter 1:2
Church	Col. 3:12

The Coming of the Lord (29-31)

- The Lord is Coming!



Application for Us

- God gives supernatural strength to do His Will!



“But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved. (13)

- Luke 21:13 “It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony.
- Luke 21:15 for I will give you utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute.
- Luke 21:18 “Yet not a hair of your head will perish.

Application for Us

- God gives supernatural strength to do His Will!
- God's mercy and love is so great!



“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling.

Matthew 23:37



Application for Us

- God gives supernatural strength to do His Will!
- God's mercy and love is so great!
- God's desire for His Church in light of the Second Coming: Gospel to Souls!





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