

## QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time when some material possession of yours was lost or destroyed. How did you deal with the loss?
  
2. How could the destruction of the temple be a good thing for the people of God?
  
3. Read the following verses and note what the Bible says about our attitude toward earthly possessions:
  - a) Job 1:21
  - b) Ecclesiastes 5:10
  - c) Matthew 6:19-21
  - d) Luke 12:15
  - e) Colossians 3:1-4
  - f) Hebrews 13:5
  - g) II Peter 3:10
  
4. How were the words of Jesus about the temple literally fulfilled?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What one practical application are you going to make from this week's message? (*Share your choice with someone.*)
  - I am going to examine my heart and see if I have made any of my possessions an idol in my life.
  - I am going to help another person in need this week in such a way that my assistance is anonymous.
  - I am going to memorize Luke 12:15.

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Matthew 24:1-3  
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## ***Signs of Christ's Return*** ***Part Two: The Destruction of the Temple***

### **I. Introduction**

#### A. The Center of the World

(See John 2:20; Ezekiel 5:5; I John 2:2; John 4:22;  
Zechariah 12:3; Zechariah 2:8; Isaiah 2:2-3)

#### B. The Disciples Questions

(See Matthew 24:2; Mark 13:3; Matthew 24:3;  
Luke 21:20-24)

#### C. The Context of the Disciple's Questions

(See Matthew 24:16; Matthew 24:20; Matthew 24:15;  
I Corinthians 15:51; I Thessalonians 4:13-18;  
Jeremiah 30:7)

### **II. The Destruction of the Temple**

#### A. The Answer of Jesus

(See Matthew 24:3; Luke 21:20-24)

#### B. The Jewish Rebellion

(See Matthew 10:4; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:15)

### C. The Roman Response

(See Matthew 24:2; Mark 13:2; Luke 19:44; Luke 21:6)

## III. Conclusion

### A Comparison of the Rapture and the Second Coming

- 1) In the Rapture, Jesus returns *for* believers; in the Second Coming Jesus returns *with* believers.  
(See I Thessalonians 4:17; Revelation 19:14)
- 2) In the Rapture, Jesus returns *in the clouds*; in the Second Coming Jesus sets His feet *on the Mount of Olives*.  
(See I Thessalonians 4:17; Zechariah 14:3-4)
- 3) The Rapture occurs *before* the Tribulation; the Second Coming occurs *after* the Tribulation.  
(See I Thessalonians 5:9; Revelation 3:10; Rev 6-19)
- 4) The Rapture will be *secret and instant*; the Second Coming will be *visible for all* to see.  
(See I Corinthians 15:50-54; Rev 1:7; Mt 24:29-30)
- 5) The Rapture is *imminent*; the Second Coming occurs *after certain events* take place on earth.  
(I Thessalonians 4:13-18; I Corinthians 15:50-54;  
II Thessalonians 2:4; Matthew 24:15-30)

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please see the pastor after the service.

### Passage of Study

Matthew 24:1-3

<sup>1</sup> Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. <sup>2</sup> And He said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down.”

<sup>3</sup> As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things happen, and what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”

### Additional Passage of Study

Luke 21:20-24

<sup>20</sup> “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near. <sup>21</sup> Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city; <sup>22</sup> because these are days of vengeance, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled. <sup>23</sup> Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days; for there will be great distress upon the land and wrath to this people; <sup>24</sup> and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

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