

The Last Week Of Jesus' Life (Tuesday)

A Day Of Controversy

Matthew 24:1ff; Mark 13:1ff; Luke 17:22-37, 21:20-36

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Jesus Left The Temple, Never To Return.

Matthew 24:1

- Prophesied destruction upon the city, the temple, and the nation of Israel. Matthew 24:1-35
- Prophesied His coming and judgment. Matthew 24:36-51; 25
 - Only the Father knows. Matthew 24:36
 - Suddenly, need for preparedness. Matthew 24:37-44

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A contrast

Section one – Matthew 23:36 – 24:4-35

- Definite – Signs precede it.
- Times unusual – wars, pestilence, famines.
- Parable of Fig Tree – gives a warning.
- Local Judgment – Jerusalem, Judea. verse 16
- Judgment – on earth.
- The word “days” – plural is used.
- There would be time for flight – place to flee to.

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Section two – Matthew 24:36 – 25:46

- Indefinite – “Know not”
- Normal times – marrying, normal occupation.
- Parable of the thief – gives no warning.
- Universal judgment – all nations.
- Judgment – in heaven.
- No specific sign given.
- The word “day” – singular is used.
- There is no time for flight – no place to flee. 2 Peter 3:9ff.

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Review Context of Matthew 24

- ***“BUT OF THAT DAY AND HOUR ...”***
Matthew 24:36 (Discuss)

- The expressions, *“the day,” “the great day,” “that day,”* and *“that hour,”* are known expressions in Scriptures for the final day of judgment.

Matthew 7:22; 11:22, 24; 12:36

- **See Acts 2:20 (but not always!)**

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Review Context of Matthew 24

➤ Jesus spoke of an escapable judgment in Matthew 24, not an inescapable final judgment. Notice Jesus' conclusion in each of the gospel accounts:

Jesus' Conclusion in Mark

- Mark 13:35-37, *“Watch therefore: for ye know not when the lord of the house cometh, whether at even, or at midnight, or at cockcrowing, or in the morning; lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.”*

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Jesus' Conclusion in Matthew

- Matthew 24:42-44, "*Watch therefore: for ye know not on what day your Lord cometh. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what watch the thief was coming, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken through. Therefore be ye also ready; for in an hour that ye think not the Son of man cometh.*"

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Jesus' Conclusion in Luke

- Luke 21:36, "*But watch ye at every season, making supplication, that ye may prevail to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.*"
- Note: In Mark's and Matthew's accounts, they both gave the same exhortations to watchfulness. Yet, from Luke's account, Jesus obviously spoke not specifically of a final judgment, from which no man will escape, but the destruction of Jerusalem, from which he desired that the faithful escape.
- The judgment Jesus spoke about in this chapter was an escapable judgment that was to take place in the lifetime of the generation He spoke to.

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Need for preparedness illustrated, – three parables. "Knoweth no man." Matthew 24:36

- The parable of the faithful and unfaithful servants. Matthew 24:45-51
- The parable of the ten virgins. Matthew 25:1-13
- The parable of the talents. Matthew 25:14-30
- The Lord May Delay His Coming!

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