

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

LUKE CHAPTER 21:5-38

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE REAL JESUS CHRIST – PART 1

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, SON OF MAN, SAVIOR OF ALL MANKIND*

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How many of you like to know What's Next?

Apparently, we as a people, are very much interested in the “upcoming episode” or the Sequel.

That's Because it's human nature

to be curious about the future, As long as the future is promising.

**Let's be honest, We love good news
While we equally detest the bad news!**

But If I come to you and say...
I have some good news and some bad news –
Which do you want first?”

**Remarkably, almost 100% of the time, people will say
“Give me the bad news first - why?”**

Because we want **a happy ending** in our heads. We love having
a good taste left in our mouths. We want the “Good News” last
so it will overshadow the **“Bad News”** that troubles us - -

It's Exactly The Method of Teaching Jesus Gave

John 14:1-3

(-) "Let not your heart be troubled; (+) you believe in God, believe also in Me. :2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. :3 And (-) 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.

For nearly 6 months now – Jesus had been instructing them, telling them, warning them to be prepared to see His arrest, His beating, His crucifixion and resurrection.

{ His Desire was that They Would be "Ready" for those Things That they were about to see happen }

In That Same Spirit

Jesus now delivers his famous "Olivet Discourse"
(it's a grand and sweeping overview of events)

that would eventually lead up to His return to earth and the establishment of His geo-political monarchy on earth in Jerusalem!

Jesus Christ Unveils "The Olivet Discourse" In four "distinct segments" of thought

In verses 5 thru 9

He unveils segment 1 // In verses 10 thru 19 He unveils segment 2

In verses 20 thru 28

He unveils segment 3 // In verses 29 thru 38 He unveils segment 4

But why? – because there is no greater stimulus package to place into the believer's heart and mind than the motivation that Jesus Christ is coming again and that the Lord reigns in the affairs of man.

That truth is to cause us as Christians to get out into the world and to rescue it from its certain end.

"The Olivet Discourse"

makes certain demands upon the reader. (1) it demands that you have a working knowledge of the Old Testament scriptures. (2) it demands that you be very alert during your lifetime as a believer. (3) that you walk in fellowship with God thru Jesus Christ. (4) Each day you should be getting closer and closer to being more like Jesus in this world...

So Important is "The Olivet Discourse" that it's

Jesus' Farewell Address

to the Believer and Nonbeliever alike. – this is His grand finale

Luke 21:5-38

Part 1/4

Then, **as some spoke** of the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and donations, He said, **:6** “These things which you see - the days will come in which not *one* stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down.” **:7** So **they** asked Him, saying, “Teacher, but **when** will these things be? And **what** sign will there be **when** these things are about to take place?” **:8** And He said: “Take heed that you not be **deceived**. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am *He*,’ and, ‘The time has drawn near.’ Therefore do not go after them. **:9** But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end *will not come* immediately.”

Part 2/4

:10 Then He said to them, “**Nation** will rise against nation, and **kingdom** against kingdom. **:11** And there will be **great earthquakes** in various places, and **famines** and **pestilences**; and there will be **fearful sights** and **great signs** from heaven **:12** But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and **persecute you, delivering you** up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name’s sake. **:13** But it will turn out for you as **an occasion for testimony**. **:14** Therefore settle *it* in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer **:15** for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist. **:16** You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put *some* of you to death. **:17** And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. **:18** But not a hair of your head shall be lost. **:19** By your patience - possess your souls.

Part 3/4

:20 “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. **:21** Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her. **:22** **For these are the days of vengeance**, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. **:23** But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be **great distress in the land** and wrath upon **this people**. **:24** (And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.) **:25** “And there will be **signs in the sun**, in **the moon**, and in **the stars**; and on the earth **distress of nations**, with **perplexity**, the sea and the waves roaring; **:26** men’s hearts **failing them from fear** and **the expectation of those things** which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. **:27** Then **they** will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. **:28** Now when these things **begin** to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.”

Part 4/4

:29 Then He spoke to them a parable: “Look at **the fig tree**, and **all the trees**. **:30** When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. **:31 So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near.** **:32** Assuredly, I say to you, **this generation** will by no means pass away till all things take place. **:33** Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. **:34** “But **take heed** to yourselves, lest your hearts be **weighed down** with (**carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life**), and that **Day** come on you unexpectedly **:35** For it will come **as a snare** on **all those** who dwell on the face of the whole earth. **:36 Watch** therefore, and **pray always** that you may be counted **worthy** to **escape all these things that will come to pass**, and to **stand before** the Son of Man.” **:37** And in the daytime He was teaching in the temple, but at night He went out and stayed on the mountain called Olivet. **:38** Then early in the morning all the people came to Him in the temple to hear Him.

So look with me to segment #1 - Verse 5-9

there is a very significant challenge - - His warning is practical to them personally. It deals with those events that his followers are about to encounter...
- he's getting them ready!!!

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE REAL JESUS CHRIST

1.) He expects you to know what time it is v.5-9

1a.) It's time to know your history v.5-6

Can we agree on this fact?

Time is no longer a constant. It is a physical property of this physical universe. When I was in school we were taught that Time was the one true, unchanging means of measurement. That is no longer true. The Bible and Science Agree –
Time is not only slowing down, it's running out!!!

Verse 5

Then, **as some spoke** of the temple,
how it was adorned with beautiful stones and donations...

This Teaching is Recorded in Three of the Four Gospels.

Matthew, Mark and Luke...

Matthew 24:1

Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and **His disciples** came up to show Him the buildings of the temple.

Mark 13:1

Then as He went out of the temple, **one of His disciples** said to Him, "Teacher, see what manner of stones and what buildings *are here!*"

But Why Show Jesus Something as Obvious as The Temple?

It is a surprise to us that the disciples **felt the need** to "***call out the temple to Jesus' attention***" as though Jesus had not seen it before. The wording suggests that Jesus didn't pay attention to the looks of the temple or its beauty.

The Lord is never Impressed with Buildings, Cathedrals or Temples. - What's that stuff to Him?

As His disciples oohed and aahed over the temple, Jesus was about to adjust their ill-placed hope from earth to heaven.

Verse 6

"These things which you see - **the days will come** in which not *one* stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down."

Jesus, By Telling Them the Future, Teaches us that History can be read like a book. The challenge is, will anyone read it?

**HE EXPECTS YOU TO KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS
- and it's time to know your history**

Jesus is Propheying The Fall of the Temple in Jerusalem.

Just 40 years after Jesus' death and resurrection, on **August 29th in 70 A.D.**, the fifth roman legion led by General Titus son of emperor **Vespasian**, sacked, gutted and burned the temple to the Ground...

It was the exactly 657 years earlier, on the very same day, **August 29th**, that the Babylonians burned down Solomon's temple

Its only thru the eyes of God that a man can begin to see life clearly.
That is even more true when it comes to looking over the fence into the future. –
Mine - July 17th 2009

“The future can only be properly faced
if we’ve taken the time to master the past.”
Mine - July 17th 2009

Isaiah 46:9-10
Remember the former things of old, For I *am* God, and *there is* no other; I *am* God, and
there is none like Me, :10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient
times *things* that are not yet done,

Isaiah 48:3-5
“I have declared the former things from the beginning; They went forth from My mouth,
and I caused them to hear it. Suddenly I did *them*, and they came to pass. :4 Because
I knew that you *were* obstinate, And your neck *was* an iron sinew, And your brow
bronze, :5 Even from the beginning I have declared *it* to you; Before it came to pass I
proclaimed *it* to you, Lest you should say, “My idol has done this, And my carved
images and my molded images Have spoken these things.’

HE EXPECTS YOU TO KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS - and it’s time to know your history

*“If there was ever a place on earth that would remain - - the temple would be that
place” – thought the Jewish people*

It would sound as stupid as an American hearing that the White House or the capitol
building is about to be destroyed forever.

And One of The Key Characteristics of the Lord God
Is that He is **Omniscient**. = *that is having all knowledge, possessing the knowledge of
(1) all that can be known, and (2) all that can be imagined.*

John 18:4
Jesus therefore, **knowing** all things that would come upon Him,

Why is the study of future things so important?
It speaks to the guaranty of your salvation.
It creates confidence and boldness in your life.
It causes you to see the events of your life more clearly.

It calms your mind and emotions
It increases your faith in God and His word
It repeatedly demonstrates to you that your God is real.

HE EXPECTS YOU TO KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS

1b.) It's time to know that you're ready v.7-8a

:7 So **they** asked Him, saying, "Teacher, but **when** will these things be?
And **what** sign will there be **when** these things are about to take place?"

:8a And He said: "Take heed that you not be **deceived**."

Observation:

"The Purpose for Jesus giving this message at the last was to "**leave it in the ears** of every disciple - - alerting them to be ready for His coming.

Howbeit at death or the rapture of the church or the second coming of Christ.

In every age the believer has been called upon to be watching and to be ready.

Verse 7

:7 So **they** asked Him, saying, "Teacher, but **when** will these things be?
And **what** sign will there be **when** these things are about to take place?"

His disciples are hoping to secure a date.

But Jesus was not interested in date setting. He delivers a prophetic overview that will cover some 2,000 years of time. A time that begins at Jerusalem, then looks out into the broad world and then finishes once again at Jerusalem.

HE EXPECTS YOU TO KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS

It's time to know that you're ready

Verse 8a

And He (*Thus saith the Lord*) said: "Take heed that you not be **deceived**."

deceived *planaζw planaο, plan-ah'-o;*

to cause to roam away from the only path. To wander off into danger, uncharted areas. To go astray, to err, **to be seduced**... by Satan or his workers

Christian, know this:

That from this recorded week in history - People have been and will be deceived by false religions and false prophets, false teachers, false brothers which grow into Cults which explains the Explosion of Cults on the worlds scene since the resurrection of Jesus Christ, just as He said it would be...

“Take heed that you not be **deceived.**

We have a tendency to think that deception will come only thru some lunatic, fiery eyed screaming prophet with a white suit or red underwear – not likely.

There are more people being deceived today than ever before.

Deceived **by the cults**. Deceived **by false prophets**,
Deceived **by satanic verses**, Deceived **by signs and wonders**

Deceived by cultural **trends**, Deceived by **political correctness**,
Deceived by false **messages**, Deceived by **cultural icons**

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3

Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, **:2** not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. **:3**

Let no one deceive you by any means;

2 Peter 1:20-2:1

knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, **:21** for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit. **2:1** But there were also **false prophets** among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you,

How Do You Know If You're Not Being Deceived

As Christians, we see what's coming

And it causes us to **evaluate** our standing with Christ.

1 John 1:6-7

So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness. We are not living in the truth. **:7** But if we are living in the light of God's presence, just as Christ is, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from every sin.

There Is A Grave Danger @ This Hour

The danger of “Sloppy Christianity”

What is Sloppy Christianity?

It's spiritual complacency, it's the allowing of things that detract from your “advancing relationship with Jesus Christ, // you are now allowing things that you once resisted, Have now become common, even normal for you...

The Danger of Spiritual Apathy & Complacency

Hebrews 5:11-12

of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become **dull of hearing**. :12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need *someone* to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

Matthew 13:15

*For the hearts of this people have **grown dull**.
Their ears are **hard of hearing**, And their eyes they have **closed**,*

Matthew 24:13

But **he who endures** to the end shall be saved.

Matthew 10:22

And you will be hated by all for My name's sake.
But **he who endures** to the end will be saved.

Mark 13:13

And you will be hated by all for My name's sake.
But **he who endures** to the end shall be saved.

1 John 2:28

And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, **we may have confidence** and **not be ashamed before Him** at His coming.

??? How Do You Know If You Really Belong to Jesus???

Romans 13:11-14

And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. :12 The night is far spent, the day

is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. :13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. :14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

Having no Boogers in your nose or food in your teeth or...

Do You Sense an Urgency in Your Christianity?

You Need to **Wake** Yourself Up / **Arouse** Yourself / **Get Up** and **Get Ready**

Hosea 10:12

Sow for yourselves righteousness; Reap in mercy; Break up your fallow ground, For *it is time to seek the LORD, Till He comes and rains righteousness on you.*

HE EXPECTS YOU TO KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS

1c.) It's time to know your future

v.8b-9

....:8b For **many** will come (1) in My name, saying, 'I am and, (2) 'The time **has drawn** near.' Therefore do not go after them. :9 But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end *will not come immediately.*" (*not without signs*)

Deceivers will have a **SIMILAR** message.

Satan's Desire is to get you to not believe that the Lord is coming back

Verse 8b

....:8b For **many** will come in **My name**, saying, (1) 'I am and, (2) 'The time **has drawn** near.' **Therefore do not go after them.**

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3

Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, :2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. :3 Let no one deceive you by any means;

In The Prophecies of the Jehovah Witnesses

(The Truth that Leads to Eternal Life, p.87)

**Teach That Jesus Christ returned to earth in the Second Coming
in 1914 and He's waiting in Brooklyn New York.**

Matthew 24:23-26

“Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe it. :24
For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to
deceive, if possible, even the elect. :25 See, I have told you beforehand. :26
“Therefore if they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; or ‘Look, He is
in the inner rooms!’ do not believe it.

Jesus warns us that they will have basically
one or two or both messages to the church...

They are the **“I AM”**

or

They will try to rob you of **the Lord's imminent appearing**

We've all seen those signs out in front of those

Run-down, converted houses or store-front windows that say...

We are 2,000 years closer to these coming events

and you would think that there would be more people diving into the Bible to get
the answers than ever before - - but no, rather, people are off on strange,
untested, spiritual rabbit trails trying to find out what the future holds.

Palm Reading Here

“Know Your Future”

find success, happiness, and fortune

Horoscope / Zodiac

“You're Going to Meet Someone Interesting Today”

there's a big event heading your way soon”

Verse 8b-9

....:8b For many will come in **My name**, saying,

(1) ‘I am and, (2) ‘The time **has drawn near.**’ **Therefore do not go after them.**

“WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE REAL JESUS CHRIST – MESSIAH IS...”

He must be **rejected** and **refused** by His own people, the Jewish nation. Who says? The Hebrew prophets of old!

Daniel 9:26

...That the Messiah shall be killed, but not for Himself;

...He did that for you

Psalm 22:16

For dogs (gentiles) have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. ***They pierced My hands and My feet;***

...He did that for you

Isaiah 52:13-14

Look, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. **:14** Just as there were many who were appalled at him — his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness...

...He did that for you

Isaiah 53:3-7

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. **:4** Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. **:5** But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. **:6** We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. **:7** He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

...He did that for you

Luke 17:24-25

For as the lightning that flashes out of one *part* under heaven shines to the other *part* under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day. **:25** But first **He must suffer many things** and be **rejected** by this generation.

...He did that for you

As a result of having rejected the messiah,
The world is in a state of “**quicken**ing” toward destruction.

This morning, your world is in a state of
“**quicken**ing” toward destruction.

Verse 9

:9 But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified;
for these things must come to pass first,
but the end *will not come* **immediately.** (*not without signs*)

Let's Peek Ahead into The Future a Little...

Luke 21:28

Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because
your redemption draws near.”

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End of Study