

# **“The Olivet Discourse”**

## **Luke 21:5-24**

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### **I. Introduction**

- A. There are four major sermons recorded for us that Jesus gave in the gospels
  - 1. The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)
  - 2. The Sermons of the Kingdom of God (Matthew 13)
  - 3. The Upper Room Discourse (John 13-17)
  - 4. The Olivet Discourse
    - a) (Matthew 24-25)
    - b) (Mark 13)
    - c) (Luke 21)
    - d) What is it?
      - 1) It is the longest teaching Jesus ever gave in response to a question
      - 2) It is Jesus unveiling the future
      - 3) It is Bible prophecy
    - e) Lots of Christians avoid it, but we should study it. Why?
      - 1) It's in the Bible
        - a. Of the 260 chapters in the New Testament, there are 318 references to the Second Coming of Christ
      - 2) It is beneficial
        - a. It cleanses us (1 John 3:3)
        - b. It comforts us (John 14)
        - c. It compels us (1 Corinthians 15:58)

### **II. The Setting** (Luke 21:5-7)

### **III. The Signs** (Luke 21:8-11)

- A. Spiritual deception (v. 8)
  - 1. Satan's false religion
- B. Wars (vv. 9-10)
- C. Disasters (v. 11)
  - 1. “Birth pains” (Matthew 24:8)

### **IV. The Persecution** (Luke 21:12-19)

### **V. The Prophecy of Jerusalem's Destruction** (Luke 21:20-24)

### **VI. Conclusion**

- A. The world will get darker
- B. You can trust God's Word
- C. Jesus is coming again
- D. Christians have a job to do