

STUDIES FROM THE DESIRE OF AGES

Chapter *LXIX* (69) “*On the Mount of Olives*”

- A. Why did Jesus mix descriptions of the destruction of Jerusalem with “the great day of His coming”?
- B. Read Matthew 24:36-42. Why didn’t Jesus reveal to the disciples the exact time when He would return?
- C. What is it about trials and persecution that causes people to make decisions for Christ?
- D. Jesus gave warning signs of His return so that “Those who heed the warning will be saved.” How are Christ’s gracious warnings impacting the way that you live your life?

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1. What made it so hard for the disciples to completely believe that the temple would be destroyed? Who else had a hard time with the idea?
 2. Why did Jesus not tell the disciples that this prophecy was for two times? (Is it possible that we too could be not understanding prophecy completely?)
 3. How did the rabbis interpret the signs Jesus predicted? What should we get from them?
 4. Read Luke 21:12-19. Was this to be a literal or figurative happening before the destruction of Jerusalem or for later or for both? (In other words, will it happen?)
 5. What happens to those who witness persecution?
 6. How many Christians were lost in the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD?
 7. Read Matthew 24:21. What did Jesus mean?
 8. To what location did the false Christ’s draw people? Is there any significance to that?
 9. Do you have any problem with Matthew 24:34-35?
 10. Why did Christ not tell exactly when He would return? (See question 12)
 11. Why did Jesus describe the last days to those of Noah?
 12. How will Jesus come to those who are not watching? (See question 10)
 13. Why give the last warnings of Luke 21:34-36? How easy will it be to fall into this trap?
 14. Personal views: List a favorite section or some new thought from this reading.