

# Found Ahead - Session 3

## Learning from the Lord

### I. Eschatological Terms

Parousia - - - - - Christ's advent in glory to judge the world at the end of the age

Apocalypse - - - - - To reveal, disclose, bring to light an important revelation to someone

Epiphany - - - - - A visible manifestation of a hidden divinity

Theophany - - - - - A description of God's intervention in the world using figurative language

### II. The Olivette Discourse of Jesus Christ - Matthew 24 & 25

#### A. Context and Setting

#### B. Two *Key Questions* by the disciples

1. "When will these things be?" [destruction of the temple]
2. "What will be the sign of Your coming and the end of the age?" [parousia]

### III. Jesus Answers the Disciples

#### A. Question 1 - When?

1. Matthew 24:4-14 - Destruction isn't the End
2. Matthew 24:15-22 - Judgment against Jerusalem
3. Matthew 24:23-28 - Parousia needs no Announcement
4. Matthew 24:29-31
  - a. Verse 29 - Theophany
  - b. Verse 30 - Technical term for Christ's Exaltation
  - c. Verse 31 - Inauguration of the time for Mission
5. Matthew 24:32-35 - "This Generation"

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B. Question 2 - Signs?

1. Matthew 24:37-42 - There will be no Sign! Watch!
2. Matthew 24:43-44 - Be Ready!
3. Matthew 24:45-51 - The Master Delays
4. Matthew 25:1-13 - Parable of the Ten Maidens
5. Matthew 25:14-30 - Parable of the Talents
6. Matthew 25:31-46 - The Final Judgment
  - a. Who are the “Least of these my brothers?”
  - b. They are the disciples bearing the message
  - c. “Come, blessed...” for those receiving the message
  - d. “Depart from me...” for those rejecting the message

Summary: What would the reader in Matthew’s day have understood?

- A. Don’t be deceived or misinterpret the signs
- B. Within this generation the temple and Jerusalem are destroyed
- C. There are no signs of warning of the parousia: keep watch!
- D. Take the message of the Kingdom to the world

Questions: Why is it important to take the context into consideration when we interpret?

There is a tendency to want our own generation to be the center of the action. Are we?

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| <p>A. Four Core Principles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Scripture interprets Scripture</li><li>2. Old Testament is understood in light of the New Testament</li><li>3. Holy Spirit used a variety of literary forms</li><li>4. Scripture (and eschatology) communicates both Law and Gospel</li></ol> <p>B. Seven Guidelines for Prophecy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Historical Context - [“Times Coloring” Nahum &amp; Nineveh]</li><li>2. Covenant Background - [Genesis 12:1-3; Jeremiah 31:31-34]</li><li>3. Forward Look - [Imminent and remote: Isaiah 7:14]</li><li>4. Shortened Perspective - [Definite goal in the indefinite future]</li><li>5. Greater Fulfillment - [Husk/Kernel, Acorn/Oak]</li><li>6. Unifying Focal Point - [Jesus Christ, Galatians 3:28-29]</li><li>7. Double Emphasis - [God judges and God redeems]</li></ol> |
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