

## Matthew 24; Luke 21 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. Using Matt 24:15-22 what event will signal the Great Tribulation (v15, 21) and what should be the reaction (v16-20)? How bad will this time be and what will shorten it (v21-22)?

5. Looking at Matt 24:23-28 what “news” should be disregarded in the Tribulation (v23, 26) and why (v24-25, 27-28)?

6. Read Matt 24:29-31. What will be the backdrop for the return of Jesus, the Son of Man (v29-30)? How will He come (v30), how will Israel react (v30), and what will He do (v31)?

7. From Matt 24:32-35 summarize and explain the fig tree parable (v32-33). What two things did Jesus promise and what did this mean (v34, 35)?

8. Based on Matt 24:36-41 who alone knows when Jesus will return (v36) and what will those days be like (v37, 38-39)? What will the rapture be like (v40-41)?

9. In Matt 24:42-44 what are we commanded to do and why (v42, 44)? What is this like (v43)? What do you think it takes to “be ready”?

10. Using Matt 24:45-51 what are we to do while waiting for the 2nd coming (v45-46) and what will result (v47)? How do evil slaves act and why (v48-49)? What will result for them (v50-51)?

11. Summarize the things to expect leading up and during the 2nd coming. Also, identify the attitudes and actions we should have while waiting for Jesus to come back.

### Scripture to Remember

“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached as a witness to all the nations, and then the end shall come.”

*Matthew 24:14 (NASV)*

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### Life Group Questions—Up, Up and Away (Acts 1:9-11)

*(Using questions from Sunday's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)*

1. Tell your group about something you really looked forward to, either as a kid or more recently. How did that affect you?
2. Read Acts 1:9-11. How do you think the disciples felt when Jesus left? Review the four reasons Jesus left—His presence, His preparation, our perspective and our persuasion. Which impacts you the most? Why?
3. Identify some of the ways we show how earth-bound our perspective is. How can we become more heavenly-oriented in our mindset and daily activities?
4. Based on Acts 1:11 Jesus will return visibly, unexpectedly and majestically. What difference should each of these facts make in our lives?
5. When Jesus returns He will raise the dead in Christ, give them “glorified” bodies and rapture His people who are living. Why are these important promises to remember?
6. How does the fact that God will pour out His cup of wrath when His cup of grace is full affect your life? How should we act in light of all of these truths? Be specific.
7. Share about anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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### The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

## Are We There Yet?

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All who have gone on a trip with kids have heard the question, “Are we there yet?” several times. Waiting well is one of the more difficult lessons to learn in life. In this week’s study Jesus piques the disciples’ interest when He tells them that the temple will be destroyed. Thus, they want to know when that will occur, what the sign of His coming will be, and of the end of the age. In response He begins by conveying the importance of enduring the journey before that time. Many things will occur continually before His return—false Messiahs, wars, famines, earthquakes, and persecution. The final event of this period will be the preaching of the gospel as a witness to all the nations—then the end will come. When the “Abomination of Desolation” is placed in the

Temple all will soon experience the return of Jesus. As a foreshadowing of this event in the time of the disciples the destruction of Jerusalem will occur. This event will usher in the “times of the Gentiles” when most of the non-Jews will be saved. At the end, though, when the abomination is revealed the wisest course of action will be to flee to the hills because the time will be so intense—even the elect wouldn’t survive if it were longer. Some will seek to mislead others saying that Jesus has already come, but He will actually be clearly seen by all. Everything will go dark and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky as He comes on the clouds in power and great glory. His angels will gather the elect from the four corners. Once these things begin to happen



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they will be completed, although those alive will go on with life as if nothing is changed. Therefore, God’s people should be expectantly waiting, well-prepared for the return of the Lord. No one except the Father knows when that will be, but all should be carrying out His will while they wait. He has entrusted His people with His resources and His commands, and the faithful servant will fulfill His bidding. Those who fail to do so will be cut to pieces and assigned to the place with the hypocrites. There will be no need to ask, “Are we there yet?”

## Study Questions for Matthew 24; Luke 21

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study\\_questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study_questions))

<p>1. Read Matt 24:1-3. What did the disciples do (v1) and what did Jesus prophesy in response (v2)? What 3 questions did this lead the disciples to make (v3)?</p>	
<p>2. From Matt 24:4-14 list the things that will occur before the end comes (v4-5, 6, 7-8, 9-10, 11, 12) and the final event (v14). What did Jesus urge (v13)? Explain.</p>	
<p>3. Based on Luke 21:20-24 what will signal Jerusalem’s desolation (v20)? How are people to react to this (v21) and why (v22-23)? What era will begin then and what will things be like for Israel (v24)?</p>	

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