

## OLIVET DISCOURSE HARMONIZED

Matthew 24:1-35	Mark 13:1-31	Luke 21:5-33
<p><sup>1</sup> Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> And He said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down."</p> <p><sup>3</sup> As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying,</p> <p>"Tell us, when will these things happen, and what <i>will be</i> the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"</p> <p><sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you.</p> <p><sup>5</sup> "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many.</p> <p><sup>6</sup> "You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for <i>those things</i> must take place, but <i>that</i> is not yet the end.</p>	<p><sup>1</sup> As He was going out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, "Teacher, behold what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!"</p> <p><sup>2</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left upon another which will not be torn down."</p> <p><sup>3</sup> As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew were questioning Him privately,</p> <p><sup>4</sup> "Tell us, when will these things be, and what <i>will be</i> the sign when all these things are going to be fulfilled?"</p> <p><sup>5</sup> And Jesus began to say to them, "See to it that no one misleads you.</p> <p><sup>6</sup> "Many will come in My name, saying, 'I am <i>He!</i>' and will mislead many.</p> <p><sup>7</sup> "When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be frightened; <i>those things</i> must take place; but <i>that</i> is not yet the end.</p>	<p><sup>5</sup> And while some were talking about the temple, that it was adorned with beautiful stones and votive gifts,</p> <p>He said, <sup>6</sup> "As for these things which you are looking at, the days will come in which there will not be left one stone upon another which will not be torn down."</p> <p><sup>7</sup> They questioned Him, saying,</p> <p>"Teacher, when therefore will these things happen?</p> <p>And what <i>will be</i> the sign when these things are about to take place?"</p> <p><sup>8</sup> And He said, "See to it that you are not misled; for many will come in My name, saying, 'I am <i>He,</i>' and, 'The time is near.</p> <p>' Do not go after them.</p> <p><sup>9</sup> "When you hear of wars and disturbances, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end <i>does not follow</i> immediately."</p>

<p><sup>7</sup> "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom,</p> <p>and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.</p> <p><sup>8</sup> "But all these things are <i>merely</i> the beginning of birth pangs."</p> <p><sup>9</sup> "Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you,</p>	<p><sup>8</sup> "For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom;</p> <p>there will be earthquakes in various places; there will <i>also</i> be famines.</p> <p>These things are <i>merely</i> the beginning of birth pangs."</p> <p><sup>9</sup> "But be on your guard; for they will deliver you to <i>the</i> <sup>2</sup>courts,</p> <p>and you will be flogged in <i>the</i> synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for My sake,</p> <p>as a testimony to them.</p> <p><sup>10</sup> "The gospel must first be preached to all the nations.</p> <p><sup>11</sup> "When they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour;</p> <p>for it is not you who speak, but <i>it is</i> the Holy Spirit.</p> <p><sup>12</sup> "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father <i>his</i> child; and children will rise up against parents and have them put to death.</p>	<p><sup>10</sup> Then He continued by saying to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom,</p> <p><sup>11</sup> and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places plagues and famines;</p> <p>and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven."</p> <p><sup>12</sup> "But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you. . .</p> <p>delivering you to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for My name's sake.</p> <p><sup>13</sup> "It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony.</p> <p><sup>14</sup> "So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand to defend yourselves;</p> <p><sup>15</sup> for I will give you utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute."</p> <p><sup>16</sup> "But you will be betrayed even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put <i>some</i> of you to death,</p>
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<p>The next verses in Luke describe events which appear to be nearly identical to those that Matthew says <i>follow</i>. But Luke states that Jesus clarified that they will happen <i>before</i> (pro) what he, Matthew and Mark had just recorded (21:8-11; 24:4-8; 13:5-8).</p> <p>So a chronological harmonization will require taking into account both time references (Matthew's "tote" and Luke's "pro").</p>		<p><sup>12</sup> "But <u>before</u> all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for My name's sake.</p> <p><sup>13</sup> "It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony.</p> <p><sup>14</sup> "So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand to defend yourselves;</p> <p><sup>15</sup> for I will give you utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute."</p> <p><sup>16</sup> "But you will be betrayed even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put <i>some</i> of you to death,</p> <p><sup>17</sup> and you will be hated by all because of My name.</p> <p><sup>18</sup> "Yet not a hair of your head will perish.</p> <p><sup>19</sup> "By your endurance you will gain your lives.</p> <p><sup>20</sup> "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near.</p> <p><sup>21</sup> "Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter <sup>1</sup>the city;</p> <p><sup>22</sup> because these are days of vengeance, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled.</p> <p><sup>23</sup> "Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days; for there will be great distress upon the land and wrath to this people;</p> <p><sup>24</sup> and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.</p>
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<p><sup>22</sup> "Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.</p> <p><sup>23</sup> "Then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or 'There <i>He is</i>,' do not believe <i>him</i>.</p> <p><sup>24</sup> "For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.</p> <p><sup>25</sup> "Behold, I have told you in advance.</p> <p><sup>26</sup> "So if they say to you, 'Behold, He is in the wilderness,' do not go out, <i>or</i>, 'Behold, He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe <i>them</i>.</p> <p><sup>27</sup> "For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.</p> <p><sup>28</sup> "Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.</p> <p><sup>29</sup> "But immediately after the tribulation of those days  THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT,  AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky,</p> <p>and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.</p>	<p><sup>20</sup>"Unless the Lord had shortened <i>those</i> days, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect, whom He chose, He shortened the days.</p> <p><sup>21</sup> "And then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ'; or, 'Behold, <i>He is there</i>'; do not believe <i>him</i>;</p> <p><sup>22</sup> for false Christs and false prophets will arise, and will show signs and wonders, in order to lead astray, if possible, the elect.</p> <p><sup>23</sup> "But take heed; behold, I have told you everything in advance.</p> <p><sup>24</sup>"But in those days, after that tribulation,  THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT,  <sup>25</sup> AND THE STARS WILL BE FALLING from heaven,</p> <p>and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken.</p>	<p><sup>25</sup> "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars,</p> <p>and on the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves,  <sup>26</sup> men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.</p>
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<p><sup>30</sup> "And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.</p> <p><sup>31</sup> "And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.</p> <p><sup>32</sup>"Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near;</p> <p><sup>33</sup> so, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, <i>right</i> at the door.</p> <p><sup>34</sup> "Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.</p> <p><sup>35</sup> "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.</p>	<p><sup>26</sup> "Then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN CLOUDS with great power and glory.</p> <p><sup>27</sup> "And then He will send forth the angels, and will gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of heaven.</p> <p><sup>28</sup>"Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.</p> <p><sup>29</sup> "Even so, you too, when you see these things happening, recognize that He is near, <i>right</i> at the door.</p> <p><sup>30</sup> "Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.</p> <p><sup>31</sup> "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.</p>	<p><sup>27</sup> "Then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD with power and great glory.</p> <p><sup>28</sup> "But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."</p> <p><sup>29</sup> Then He told them a parable: "Behold the fig tree and all the trees;</p> <p><sup>30</sup> as soon as they put forth <i>leaves</i>, you see it and <sup>a</sup>know for yourselves that summer is now near.</p> <p><sup>31</sup> "So you also, when you see these things happening, recognize that the kingdom of God is near.</p> <p><sup>32</sup> "Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all things take place.</p> <p><sup>33</sup> "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.</p>
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