

Matthew 24 (Mark 13 & Luke 21) – Questions:

WHAT DID JESUS SAY ABOUT THE END TIMES?

1. v3 What are the three questions the disciples are asking Jesus?
Based on these questions, do you think that Jesus' answers would apply to the disciples or to all Christians? (Mark 13:37)
2. v4-5 "Take heed that no man deceive you". Why do you think does He say this first? (v4)
Does this warning against deception also apply to us?
Discuss deception. How can 'many' be deceived? (v5) (1 Tim 4:1-3, 2 Tim 4:2-4)
What does deception look like today e.g Jehovah's witnesses?
3. v6-8 What events are the beginning of sorrows?
What do you think will the effect on mankind be when these things happen? (wars, famines, pestilences and earthquakes)
4. v9 Verse 9 starts with "Then". What do you think "then" implies in verses 9, 10, 14, 16, 21, 23, 30, 40? Why does Jesus use "then", "when" (v15) and "after" (v29) 10 times?
"Deliver you up to be afflicted, killed, hated" are strong words. Who do you think will experience this? Who are the "they will deliver you up" Jesus is referring to? (v9)
5. v10-12 Why do you think "many" will be offended? (v10)
Who will betray and hate one another? (v10)
What is a false prophet? (v11, Read Jer 23:16, Ez 13:9, 1 John 4:1-3, 2 Tim 4:1-4, Tit 1:9-16, Acts 20:28-30)
"many false prophets will deceive many". How do you think could this happen? (v11)
How do you think iniquity (lawlessness, wickedness) can cause love to grow cold? (v12)
6. v13 When Jesus says "endure to the end", do you think He means the "end of the world", "the 2nd coming" or the end of one's life?
7. v14 After what event will "the end" come?
Do you think everybody has access to the gospel today?
8. v15-20 "abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet". What do you think is the "abomination of desolation"? (Dan 9:27, Dan 11:31,36, Rev 13:14-15, 2 Thess 2:1-4)
Verse 16 again starts with "Then". Therefore after the abomination of desolation is set up, Christians in Judaea are instructed to flee into the mountains immediately.
Why should they flee? (Rev 13:7-8 & Rev 13:13-18)

9. v21 Jesus then says that there will be a Great Tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world and will never be again.
Have you got any idea why this Tribulation is the worst ever? (v 5-20)
- Rev 7:13-14 refers to the people coming out of the “Great Tribulation”.
Also read Rev 7:9 about the multitude that came out of the Great Tribulation.
10. v22 Jesus says for the elect’s sake these days will be shortened. Who are the elect? (Col 3:11-12, 1 Pet 1:1-2)
The implication of Jesus’ words is that the elect will go through the Great Tribulation. Do you agree?
“No flesh be saved”. Does this refer to salvation or survival? Does this interpretation of “saved” also apply to v13?
11. v23-25 Jesus says “there shall arise false Christs and false prophets”.
Who is an antichrist? (1 John 2:18, 1 John 2:22-23)
“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes unto the Father, but by me.” (John 14:6) Does that leave any option of salvation by another religion?
How do you think will the false prophets be able to show great signs and wonders? (Ex 7-8, Rev 13:11-15)
Will they be able to deceive the elect?
12. v26-28 Will Jesus come secretly? (v26,27)
Do you think every person on earth will see Jesus coming? (v27, Rev 1:7)
Eagles gather where the carcass is. What has this to do with Jesus’ coming?
13. v29-32 What cosmic disturbances will happen “immediately after the tribulation of those days”? (v29)
What will happen just before Jesus will be seen coming in the clouds?
Can we therefore conclude that Jesus is coming after the tribulation?
A trumpet will sound and the angels will gather the elect. As the elect are the saved (v22, Q10), is this then the rapture?
How does 1 Thess 4:16-17 compare with Matt 24:30-31?
Read Rev 6:12-16. Is there perhaps a correlation between Matt 24:29-31 and the 6th seal?
Why do you think will all the tribes of the earth mourn? (v30)
14. v33-35 Why do you think does Jesus say “it is near, even at the doors”? (v33)
How can “this generation not pass away till all these things are fulfilled”? (v34)
How does Jesus assure us that His words are powerful and everlasting? (v35)

15. v36-39 Jesus said that His Father knew when He would be coming back. Do you think Jesus now knows when this will be?
 Jesus compares the days of Noah with the days when He will come back. What similarities are there between these and Noah's days? (Gen 6:5 & 6:11)
 Do you think Noah knew when the flood would come? (Heb 11:7)
 Do you think that we, like Noah, will progressively be able to discern the events (leading up to Jesus' 2nd coming)?
16. V40-41 Do you think this refers to the rapture?
17. v42-44 Why do you think does Jesus say "watch therefore (v42) and be ready (v44)" even though we can't know the day or the hour (v42b)?
 How can we be prepared and ready?
 What previous signs and events that Jesus specified in this chapter should you be able to recognise? (v4, 9, 11, 15, 21)
 Jesus said "you know not what hour and day (v36, 42)" and "an hour as you think not (v44)". If not the hour or day, would we perhaps know the year?
18. v45-51 When is a Christian a 'faithful and wise servant' in this context? (v45)
 When is this servant blessed? (v46)
 Jesus says "That he shall make him ruler over all his goods." Can we apply this to ourselves by saying we will be made rulers in Jesus' kingdom? (v47, Rev 20:4, Rev 21:7)
 Who is the evil servant in this context? (v48)
 Do you think this evil servant will be ready when his lord comes? Why not?
 Where will there be "weeping and gnashing of teeth"?

Additional Questions from Mark 13 and Luke 21:

Mark 13:11 & Luke 21:14-15

19. When we are delivered up, we must not beforehand plan what we will say. Why not?
 What do you think does it mean that you will be given a "mouth and wisdom"?
 How does it encourage you that no-one shall be able to resist or respond to the Holy Spirit inspired words you will say?

Mark 13:12

20. Why do you think children will rise up against their parents and cause them to be put death?

Luke 21:24

21. Do you think Jerusalem is currently trodden down by the Gentiles?
Do you think the “the times of the Gentiles is already fulfilled”?

Luke 17:28-32

22. What did the people do in the days of Lot?
What happened to Sodom?
The day when the Son of Man is revealed is compared to the day Lot left Sodom.
Why?
Why must we remember Lot’s wife?