

Valley Bible Church
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Olivet Discourse
Matthew 24:1-3
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The knowledge of future things has been sought down through the ages in many, many ways.

Jesus has chosen to reveal to us the knowledge of future things.

Verse 1, Jesus is coming out from the temple. When did He go in? **Matthew 21:23** is when Jesus went in. All the teaching in between had occurred in one day.

The disciples point out the massive size of the stones of the temple buildings, how magnificent the buildings are. Jesus had just taught that the temple would be left desolate. The stones of the temple were 20-40 feet long by 6-8 feet high.

Verse 2, Jesus reiterates the destruction of the temple, “not one stone here shall be left upon another.”

In 70 A.D. Titus sent his legions to destroy Jerusalem, which they did slaughtering 1,100,000 Jews.

Verse 3, What do the disciples mean by their question? Do the disciples make reference to Christ’s second coming? No! They are talking about Jesus on the throne. Jesus is establishing the kingdom. They want Jesus in His full glory.

Jeremiah 30: 1-7, Christ in His glory would not come before tribulation.

Malachi 4, more tribulation is prophesied and then the healing. The disciples think they are living in the tribulation under the yoke of the Roman Empire.

Zechariah 14, the desolation of Jerusalem is foretold and Christ in His glory.

The disciples want Jesus to say the time is now.