

The Olivet Discourse: Introduction
Matthew 24

I. Introduction

How to deal with disagreements and questions about eschatology (the end times)

The “Perspicuity (clarity) of Scripture” when it comes to end-time prophecy

A read through of Matthew 24

II. Context

The end of Jesus’ public ministry – Jesus and the disciples depart from the temple

24:1-2 – This magnificent temple will be utterly destroyed

Jesus and the disciples arrive at the Mount of Olives

24:3 – The disciples ask Jesus, “*when will these things be?*”

Jesus’s answer suggests that the church will suffer tribulation

III. The nature of the disciples question and Jesus’s answer

Is this one question or two? Jesus answers it as if it is two questions

Futurism – the Olivet Discourse will be fulfilled in the future

Preterism – the Olivet Discourse was fulfilled in 70 A.D

Historicism – the Olivet Discourse is continually being fulfilled throughout the church age

Prophetic foreshortening or “*telescoping*” or “*flinch-gate*”

Is 9:6-7, Gen 3:14-15, 2Sam 7:11-16, Mal 3:1-3, Zech 9:9-10, Revelation

IV. My approach to understanding the Olivet Discourse

V. Brief points of application