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disciple:

// someone who follows Jesus and leads others to do the same.

Studying God's Word is one of the best ways to grow your relationship with God, be tuned to the Holy Spirit, and get to know Jesus intimately. John 1 tells us that the Word is God, the writer of Psalms tells us it will light our path, and Jesus tells us in John 8 if we abide in His Word, we are truly His disciples.

This tool is just one of the many ways to study the Bible and dive deeper into the passages we will be studying each weekend together. Our hope is that you begin to deeply understand the scripture we will be unpacking and allow God to speak to your heart before you even walk through the doors on Sunday.

This tool is designed to help guide you as you seek to understand the context of each verse, what it meant to its original audience, and what it means to us today.

There are a few ways you can utilize this PDF.

01

Print the PDF.

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Download the PDF, open in a notes app (GoodNotes, Notability, etc), fill it out digitally.

-or-

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Use the PDF to transcribe into a notebook or journal.

5 Marks of a Disciple

- Know Jesus Intimately
- Follow the Holy Spirit Relentlessly
- Obey God's Word Completely
- Love His Church Wholeheartedly
- Seek the Lost Intentionally



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Week of October 16nd // Conversation October 22nd

Jesus - Lord of the Future

This week, we're going to take a look at a very famous portion of Scripture called The Olivet Discourse. It's a set of teachings that Jesus gave on the Mount of Olives concerning the end times and the future of Israel. We're going to take this portion of Scripture one section at a time.

pray.

Let's come before God and ask Him for guidance as we navigate this difficult passage. There's a lot to unpack, so pray and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and help you understand the message He has for you today.

background info / context

In Jesus's day, the temple was something to behold. Its construction was completed in 63 A.D. When the disciples remarked how beautiful the temple was and its buildings, Jesus had a surprising prophecy about what would happen in the future. In 70 A.D., a Roman ruler named Titus Vespasian would besiege Jerusalem and completely destroy the temple. The disciples were astonished to hear this!

observe.

01

Put a  over the temple.



Luke 21:5-6 (NLT)

⁵Some of his disciples began talking about the majestic stonework of the Temple and the memorial decorations on the walls. But Jesus said, ⁶“The time is coming when all these things will be completely demolished. Not one stone will be left on top of another!”

background info / context

The accuracy of this prophecy is astounding because as the temple was being destroyed by the Romans, fire melted the gold in the temple and it ran down into the cracks between the stones. As the Romans searched for the gold later, they literally toppled every stone from its place in doing so.

After hearing this, the disciples replied this way:

Luke 21:7 (NLT)

⁷“Teacher,” they asked, “when will all this happen? What sign will show us that these things are about to take place?”

Jesus answered them with lots of specific prophecies that would take place.

observe.

01 Underline every specific thing that will take place.

Luke 21:8-11 (NLT)

⁸ He replied, “Don’t let anyone mislead you, for many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and saying, ‘The time has come!’ But don’t believe them. ⁹ And when you hear of wars and insurrections, don’t panic. Yes, these things must take place first, but the end won’t follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he added, “Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, and there will be famines and plagues in many lands, and there will be terrifying things and great miraculous signs from heaven.

Scholars believe there 2 interpretations/timelines of these signs. The first is that things would happen in the days of the disciples. The second is that these things will happen in the end times.

interpret.

01 What were some of the signs that Jesus mentioned?
Write them below

02 Do you see any of these signs today? What does that tell you?

background info / context

During the time of Emperor Nero, Christians suffered great persecution. There was a fire in Rome that was falsely blamed on the Christians, and they were captured, imprisoned, tortured and put to death as a result.

observe.

01 Underline everything that will happen to Jesus's followers.

Luke 21:12-19 (NLT)

¹² “But before all this occurs, there will be a time of great persecution. You will be dragged into synagogues and prisons, and you will stand trial before kings and governors because you are my followers. ¹³ But this will be your opportunity to tell them about me. ¹⁴ So don't worry in advance about how to answer the charges against you, ¹⁵ for I will give you the right words and such wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to reply or refute you! ¹⁶ Even those closest to you—your parents, brothers, relatives, and friends—will betray you. They will even kill some of you. ¹⁷ And everyone will hate you because you are my followers. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish! ¹⁹ By standing firm, you will win your souls.

interpret.

01

What are the promises that Jesus gave in the passage above?

apply.

01

Have you heard stories of this kind of persecution? Have you experienced it yourself? How can you pray for your brothers and sisters who are being persecuted today?

Next, Jesus had some very specific things to say about the city of Jerusalem.

background info / context

The siege of Jerusalem was quite terrible. Jerusalem a difficult city to take because it was on a hill. So, Titus Vespasian decided to starve it out. By the time it fell, the famine inside the city had become so severe that many had died of hunger and others had resorted to cannibalism.

observe.

01 Mark every reference to time with a clock. Look for words like when, then, time, days, etc.

Luke 21:20-24 (NLT)

²⁰ “And when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then you will know that the time of its destruction has arrived. ²¹ Then those in Judea must flee to the hills. Those in Jerusalem must get out, and those out in the country should not return to the city. ²² For those will be days of God’s vengeance, and the prophetic words of the Scriptures will be fulfilled. ²³ How terrible it will be for pregnant women and for nursing mothers in those days. For there will be disaster in the land and great anger against this people. ²⁴ They will be killed by the sword or sent away as captives to all the nations of the world. And Jerusalem will be trampled down by the Gentiles until the period of the Gentiles comes to an end.

interpret.

01

What were the specific instructions given in this passage?
Write them below.

apply.

01

After reading all of the prophecies Jesus mentioned in this portion of the Olivet Discourse, what have you learned about Jesus?

apply.

02

How can we be encouraged by this section of Scripture? Think about your future. Does Jesus know what is going to happen? Do you? How does that make you feel?

03

How can your faith in the accuracy of Scripture be strengthened today? If parts of Luke 21 were fulfilled perfectly, what can you infer about the parts that have not? What does this tell you about the accuracy of the Bible?

bring it together.

Prophecy is one of the major ways we can validate the accuracy of the Bible. It may be a bit confusing to study at times, but if the prophecies that have already been fulfilled were done so accurately, we can trust that those that have yet to be fulfilled will be done so in like manner. We have a Bible we can trust!

If God knows the future of Jerusalem, and ultimately the end of this age, we can be sure He knows what will happen in the next days, hours and even minutes of our lives. We don't need to worry about the future because He has it all in hand.

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