

Jesus Christ is the Better Temple
Matthew 23:37-24:2 (part 3)

In order to understand the Olivet Discourse, we must first look at the larger context.

This sermon was spoken privately to the twelve disciples.
Matthew 24:3

This final sermon of Jesus is a prophetic sermon.
Matthew 24:2

This sermon was preached during the final week of Jesus' life.

The Triumphal Entry begins this week when crowds shout "Hosanna" to Jesus.

Matthew 21:9

Jesus then entered the Temple and cleansed it thoroughly.

Matthew 21:12-13

After cleansing the Temple, Jesus curses a fig tree for not producing fruit.

Matthew 21:19

After having His authority questioned by the hypocrites, Jesus tells 3 parables meant to condemn them.

Finally the religious hypocrites attempt to trap Jesus by presenting scenarios to Him which Jesus turns back on them.

Matthew 22:46

As His final act in the Temple, Jesus points His words directly to the sins of the hypocrites.

The seven woes of Jesus are meant to call these self-righteous and self-sufficient people to repentance.

Matthew 23:1-36

As a means of calling them to repent, Jesus asks a very confrontational question.

Matthew 23:33

In spite of the rebellion of the religious leaders, Jesus still has compassion for those who reject Him.

God has never taken pleasure in the death of the unsaved.
Matthew 23:37; Ezekiel 18:23; 33:11

Jesus is the better _____ from whom God's _____ will never depart.

His very _____ reveals the _____ of God in Him.

Matthew 1:23

On the _____, His Father in Heaven acknowledged Jesus' _____.

Matthew 17:5

Jesus possessed the _____.

Colossians 2:9

So, when Jesus finally says that the Temple would be _____, this is a statement with _____ consequences.

Matthew 23:38; 24:2

At the _____, even the rebel who denies the Lord will bless Him as sentence is passed upon him.

As Jesus takes His _____ from the Temple, He reminds the hypocrites that they will see Him again and _____ Him whom they _____.

Matthew 23:39; Philippians 2:9-11

No longer is the Temple of Jerusalem the dwelling place for the glory of God since _____ who make up the _____ are now the dwelling place for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 3:16-17