

**True Christians Understand the Work of Christ
Matthew 24:29-31 (Part 2)**

The context of Jesus' teaching is still on the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.

Jesus is answering the second question of the disciples:
"What will be the sign of your coming?"
Matthew 24:3

The destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple by the Romans was declared to be a great tribulation.
Matthew 24:21

In light of that great tribulation, Jesus reminds His disciples of Old Testament prophetic utterances.
Matthew 24:29

Based upon the Old Testament prophetic use of cosmic disintegration, we can rightly conclude that Jesus is using symbolism to show the destruction of the Jewish system.
Luke 21:25–26; Mark 13:24–25

The destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple vindicate and validate the authority of Jesus who is now in heaven.
Matthew 24:30

It is important to understand several key statements in order to correctly interpret this passage.
It is the sign of the Son of Man that is observed, not the Son of Man Himself.
Matthew 24:30

Jesus is describing events about Himself that will occur in heaven.
Matthew 24:30

Jesus is reminding the disciples of the prophecy of Daniel.
Daniel 7:13–14

"The tribes of the earth" is a specific reference to the unbelieving Jews who had rejected Jesus as Messiah.
Matthew 24:30

There will be a _____ which will confound the world.
Matthew 24:31

This gathering must be understood in light of Jesus' _____ and the _____ of Jerusalem and the Temple.
The old system of _____ worship is being replaced by _____ worship in Christ.
Matthew 9:15-17

The physical temple is being replaced by the temple of _____ in whom believers dwell.
Matthew 24:2; John 2:18-22

Jesus uses the word "_____" as those who will gather the _____.
Matthew 24:31

The gathering of the elect has two _____ in Jesus' statement.
The _____ of the _____ is what God has chosen to use to bring the elect to salvation.
Romans 1:16

Once saved, the elect must meet together in _____ for worship and praise of God.
Hebrews 10:23–25

Jesus is speaking of the _____ preaching and _____ of the church.
Matthew 24:31