

Jesus Teaches His Disciples on the Mount of Olives

24 As Jesus left the temple courtyard and was walking away, his disciples came to him. They proudly pointed out to him the temple buildings. **2** Jesus said to them, “You see all these buildings, don’t you? I can guarantee this truth: Not one of these stones will be left on top of another. Each one will be torn down.”

3 As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, his disciples came to him privately and said, “Tell us, when will this happen? What will be the sign that you are coming again, and when will the world come to an end?”

4 Jesus answered them, “Be careful not to let anyone deceive you. **5** Many will come using my name. They will say, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and they will deceive many people.

6 “You will hear of wars and rumors of wars. Don’t be alarmed! These things must happen, but they don’t mean that the end has come. **7** Nation will fight against nation and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. **8** All of these are only the beginning pains ─ of the end ─.

9 “Then they will hand you over to those who will torture and kill you. All nations will hate you because you are committed to me. **10** Then many will lose faith. They will betray and hate each other. **11** Many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. **12** And because there will be more and more lawlessness, most people’s love will grow cold. **13** But the person who endures to the end will be saved.

14 “This Good News about the kingdom will be spread throughout the world as a testimony to all nations. Then the end will come.