

FOLLOWING TOGETHER
Part 5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS
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"... in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."
Romans 12:5 (NIV)

THREE QUESTIONS

"Jesus left the temple and was walking away when His disciples came up to Him to call His attention to its buildings ... one of His disciples said to Him, 'Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!' ... Some of His disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God."

Matthew 24:1; Mark 13:1; Luke 21:5 (NIV)

"But Jesus said ... 'Do you see all these great buildings?'... 'As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.'"

Luke 21:5; Mark 13:2; Luke 21:6 (NIV)

"As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked Him privately, 'Tell us ... when will this happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?'"

Mark 13:3-4; Matthew 24:3 (NIV)

1. When will the Temple be destroyed?
2. What is the sign of Jesus' coming?
3. What is the sign of the end of the age?

SIGNS OF THE END

"Jesus answered, 'Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' ... and, 'The time is near.' ... 'and will deceive many ... Do not follow them.'"

Matthew 24:4-5; Luke 21:8 (NIV)

1. _____.

"You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away ... Nation will war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom."

Matthew 24:6-7; Luke 21:9 (NIV)

2. _____.

"There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven ... All these are the beginning of birth pains."

Luke 21:11; Matthew 24:8 (NIV)

3. _____.

"But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of My name ... Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given to you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit."
Luke 21:12; Mark 13:11 (NIV)

4. _____.

"You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. Everyone will hate you because of Me."
Luke 21:16-17 (NIV)

5. _____.

"At that time many will turn away from the faith ... Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold."
Matthew 24:12 (NIV)

6. _____.

THINKING ABOUT THE END

"... but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."
Matthew 24:13-14 (NIV)

- With _____, I can _____ to the end.

"So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter."
II Thessalonians 2:15 (NIV)

- Despite the evil I see around me, God still _____ the _____
and wants _____ to be _____.

"Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, "Where is this 'coming' He promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." ... But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with His promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells."
II Peter 3:3-4, 8-13 (NIV)

- I must _____ with the _____ of Jesus Christ.