

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#85 – “Coming of the Son of Man” – Luke 21:25-28

I. Review

A. Olivet Discourse – found in Luke 21, Mark 13, Matthew 24

1. Important and controversial

B. Assertions so far

1. Luke 21:5-19 corresponds to Matthew 24:4-14

a. Entire section depicts the time from the resurrection until the second coming.

b. Some view as all future, but not necessarily.

2. Luke 21:20-24 corresponds to Matthew 24:15-24ff.

C. Cautionary note: The diverse view on this section have led to divisions in the body of Christ. – May this not be the case.

II. Exposition

A. Luke 21:25-28

1. Note correspondence with Matthew 24:25-31

2. Possible views.

a. Pastor Don asserts that Jesus is still describing the events leading up to and including AD 70.

B. Understanding the text.

1. Consider the metaphorical language.

a. Also used elsewhere for “earth shattering” events.

1. Isaiah 13:10; 34:4-5; Ezekiel 32:7; Amos 8:9;
Joel 2:30-31; 3:15; Amos 5:18; 7:7

a. There have been many “Days of the Lord.”

b. Blotting out of light with the result of darkness is an evidence of God’s spirit withdrawing in judgment.

1. John 8:12

2. The coming of the “Son of Man” runs through the Olivet Discourse and is associated with judgment.

a. Matt. 24:27; Rev. 2:5-6; 2:16; 2:22-23; Jer. 4:13;
Isaiah 66:15; 19:1

3. Testimony of historians concerning AD 70.

a. Josephus, the Jewish historian – AD 75

b. Tacitus, a Roman historian – AD 115

c. Eusebius of Caesarea – AD 325

4. Matthew’s account – Matthew 24:27-28

a. “Lightning” – can refer to judgment in general

1. Zech. 9:14

b. “Vultures” are the Roman soldiers.

C. “Son of Man” coming, verse 27

1. Tie-in to Daniel 7:9-10; 13-14

a. Describes the “Son of Man” coming to receive his kingdom.

1. Matthew 24:30; Zechariah 12:10-13

b. Jesus conquered, rising from the dead, triumphant, but the old order needed to be destroyed to issue in the new.

c. Matt. 10:23; 16:27-28; Mark 9:1; Luke 9:27

1. Some hearing his words would live long enough to see his coming.

2. The coming of the Son of Man and the Coming of the Kingdom are synonymous.

III. Point for Reflection

A. Jesus is now seated at the right hand of power.

1. Eph. 1:20; Col. 3:1; Heb. 1:3; I Peter 3:22; Rev. 5:7