

Eschatology I: Jesus & Paul
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Tullahoma - Adult Sunday school
Sunday, November 12 & 19 2023

Lesson 08, 09: The Olivet Discourse (I & II) – Matthew 24-25, Mark 13, Luke 21

Part I:

1. Introduction - Divine Perspective, Prophetic Perspective, and our point of view: A reminder to practice humble interpretation.

2. Major themes/Clear instruction:
 - Jesus will return
 - Jesus is in control
 - Persecution, trials and tribulation are certain
 - No one knows the exact day
 - Our task is to be watchful and awake when he returns

3. Schools of interpretation
 - Full Preterist (all in the past)
 - Partial Preterist (some in the past, some in the future)
 - Futurist (all in the future)

Part II:

4. Interpretive challenges
 - When is the “tribulation”? (Matt. 24:9; Mk. 13:9-13; Luke 21:12-19)

 - Who/what is the “abomination of desolation”? (Matt. 24:15; Mk 13:14; Lk. 21:20; Dan. 11:31)

 - What does “Immediately” mean? (Matt. 24:29; Mk. 13:24; Lk. 21:28)

 - Who/when is “this generation”? (Matt. 24:34; Mk 13:30; Lk. 21:32)

 - Does Jesus teach the rapture? (Matt. 24:40-41)