

November 3 Answers

- 1) Jesus' Olivet Discourse is a sweeping overview of the future, from the destruction of **Jerusalem** in AD 70 to His return at the end of the **Tribulation**. This discourse teaches us that: (1) we should never put our trust in the grandeur and beauty of **man-made** structures, for they are destined to **pass** away (2 Pet 3:7); (2) we should not be terrified when we hear of wars and famines, for they are part of this **present** age (Luke 21:9); (3) we should expect **persecution** for the sake of the gospel, for the world will hate **us** as it hated Jesus (Mark 13:9); (4) we should use persecution as an opportunity to share the **gospel**, for the Holy Spirit will be there to support and **guide** us (Mark 13:11); (5) we should be on guard against false teachers and prophets, for **many** will come in Jesus' name and try to lead believers **astray** (Luke 21:8); (6) we should not believe those who claim to know the exact time of Jesus' return, for "concerning that day and hour **no one** knows" (Matt 24:36); (7) we should avoid getting caught up in the **cares** and concerns of life, for Jesus has warned us to "stay awake" (Matt 24:38-39).