Please be a Berean and do your part! Open your Bible and read the Scriptures provided. Do not just take my study and think that I am perfect, I AM NOT, only Jesus and the Word of God is perfect.

Most of all Pray for the Holy Spirit to speak to you as you read and meditate on His Word.

You can pray something like this;

Father,

Please set myself and my thoughts and my previous teachings aside. Holy Spirit open my eyes and ears and heart to be filled with You, Holy Spirit. Show me what You have for me today. You are Truth and I want to see You.

Love you Lord

Amen

#### The Importance of Watching

(Matt. 24:36-44; Mark 13:32-37)

"But back heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with scarousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.

The state of the whole earth therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Pharisees and Sadducees Seek a Sign

Matthew

(Mark 8:11-13; Luke 12:54-56)

the Jews

16 Then the aPharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven. 2 He answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red'; 3 and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' 1Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times. 4 bA wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of 2the prophet Jonah." And He left them and departed.

## The Pharisees Seek a Sign

(Matt. 16:1-4)

Mark

**The Saints** 

11 fThen the Pharisees came out and began to dispute with Him, seeking from Him a sign from heaven, testing Him. 12 But He gsighed deeply in His spirit, and said, "Why does this generation seek a sign? Assuredly, I say to you, ho sign shall be given to this generation."

Luke, although is talking to Bride by warning us to know the time of the Rapture. Discern the Time! Luke knows the order of things and we can know the season, and in my understanding the year that Jesus, the Bridegroom, will come for His Bride. Watch, and again I say watch!

Matthew shows Pharisees and Sadducees, Why? The difference is in the beliefs and divisions between the two sects. Pharisees believe in the resurrection where the Sadducees did not. Sadducees are the unbelieving Jews in the Tribulation who will in the end bow down and call Jesus King of Kings and Lord of Lords. So Jesus was pointing out the sign of Jonah and the typology of 3 days and nights in the belly of the fish = 3 days and nights in the hell. They didn't understand because they were blinded.

Mark shows only the Pharisees because they believed in the resurrection however they denied Jesus as Christ the Messiah. Why do they not get a sign? They are the Tribulation saints. Their eyes will be opened when the Rapture ( RESURRECTION OF THE CHURCH ) happens, they will fall to their knees like Elisha and will receive that double portion.

### **Discern the Time**

(Matt. 16:1-4)

**Luke The Bride** 

54 Then He also said to the multitudes, \*"Whenever you see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming'; and so it is. 55 And when *you see* the 'south wind blow, you say, 'There will be hot weather'; and there is. 56 Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how *is it* you do not discern this time?

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#### Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem

Luk 19:41-45 NKJV

41 Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 44 hand level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

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### The Model Prayer

### Matthew

(Luke 11:2-4)

the Jews

- <sup>5</sup> "And when you pray, you shall not be like the <sup>2</sup>hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.
- <sup>6</sup> But you, when you pray, <sup>c</sup>go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who *is* in the secret *place;* and your Father who sees in secret will reward you <sup>3</sup>openly. <sup>7</sup> And when you pray, <sup>d</sup>do not use vain repetitions as the heathen *do*. <sup>e</sup>For they think that they will be heard for their many words.
- 8 "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.
- <sup>9</sup> In this <sup>g</sup>manner, therefore, pray:

<sup>h</sup>Our Father in heaven.

Hallowed be Your iname.

10 Your kingdom come.

<sup>j</sup>Your will be done

On earth kas it is in heaven.

- Give us this day our daily bread.
- 12 And mforgive us our debts,

As we forgive our debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And do not lead us into temptation,

But odeliver us from the evil one.

<sup>4</sup>For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

14 p"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But qif you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

#### The Model Prayer

#### Luke

(Matt. 6:9-15)

The Bride

- 11 Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, *that* one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."
  - <sup>2</sup> So He said to them, "When you pray, say:

<sup>a</sup>Our<sup>1</sup> Father <sup>2</sup>in heaven,

Hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

- 3 Give us day by day our daily bread.
- 4 And bforgive us our sins,

For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And do not lead us into temptation,

<sup>4</sup>But deliver us from the evil one."

Matthew we see here is clearly speaking to Jews who are keeping the Law. He is warning them that praying this way is gaining a reward from man, PRAISE of MAN. We see that Matthew adds "For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen." Jews will in the end confess Jesus Christ as Lord and King.

Luke is clearly talking to the Bride because he leaves out "For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen." Why? The Bride knows Jesus Christ as Saviour so notice verse 3 of Luke is different than Matthew, The Jew may not have the next day to pray or read the Word. We the Bride however are needing the Word every day.

Each day we the Bride must confess any sins and continually forgive those who sin against us.

#### Matthew 5:1-12

<sup>1</sup> And seeing the multitudes, <sup>a</sup>He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. 2 Then He opened His mouth and btaught them, saying:

The Bride and those who accept Jesus after the Rapture!

3 "Blessed<sup>c</sup> are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

> <sup>4</sup> <sup>d</sup>Blessed *are* those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> <sup>e</sup>Blessed *are* the meek,

For they shall inherit the tearth.

<sup>6</sup> Blessed *are* those who <sup>g</sup>hunger and thirst for righteousness,

For they shall be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful,

For they shall obtain mercy.

8 jBlessed are the pure in heart,

For kthey shall see God.

9 Blessed *are* the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup> Blessed *are* those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew's account, Jesus is speaking to Jews who have not accepted Him as Messiah before the Tribulation, Jacob's Trouble. Jesus is using THEY, THOSE pronouns to emphasize who are true believers. The Jewish religious crowd were prideful and did not want to give up their status here on earth. They were looking for the King that would setup the Kingdom on earth THEN! They were blinded. As it says in verse 5b "for they (true believers) shall inherit the earth." Jesus was alluding to the future time in the millennium when we true believers would rule and reign over those left after the Great Tribulation.

Luke 6:20-23

## The Beatitudes

(Matt. 5:1-12)

20 Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said:

t"Blessed are you poor,

For yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> <sup>u</sup>Blessed *are you* who hunger now,

For you shall be vfilled.5

WBlessed are you who weep now,

For you shall xlaugh.

<sup>22</sup> <sup>y</sup>Blessed are you when men hate you.

And when they exclude you,

And revile you, and cast out your name as evil,

Rapture

For the Son of Man's sake.

<sup>23</sup> <sup>a</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy!

For indeed your reward is great in heaven,

Isa 30:10

Amo 2:12

For bin like manner their fathers did to the

prophets.

The Jews

Jeremiah, Isaiah, Daniel To name a few

<sup>10</sup> <sup>m</sup>Who say to the seers, "Do not see," And to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us right things;

<sup>n</sup>Speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits.

12 "But you gave the Nazirites wine to drink, And commanded the prophets ysaying, 'Do not prophesy!

There are only two verses in between Matthew and Luke that have similar sayings. However notice how Jesus talks to each group!

"Blessed are the poor in spirit" Jesus in Matthew's account is speaking ABOUT them, true believers!

"Blessed are you poor" Jesus is speaking of them, true believers!

Clearly in Luke's account Jesus is speaking to His Bride before the Rapture.

Matthew's account Jesus is speaking about the true believers after the Rapture.

kept the faith. 8 Finally, there is laid up for me othe crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous PJudge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Rapture

2Ti 4:7

Mat 13:16

<sup>16</sup> But <sup>n</sup>blessed *are* your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; 17 for assuredly, I say to you othat many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

Do you see?

#### **Do Not Worry**

#### **Matthew**

(Luke 12:22-31)

#### the Jews

- <sup>25</sup> "Therefore I say to you, <sup>y</sup>do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> "Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> Which of you by worrying can add one <sup>10</sup>cubit to his <sup>11</sup>stature?
- <sup>28</sup> "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; <sup>29</sup> and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not <sup>12</sup> arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, *will He* not much more *clothe* you, O you of little faith?
- 31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But asek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

As you read through both of these passages, note all the differences highlighted.

Matthew in verse 25 adds "or what you will drink", Why? Let us think about this from the viewpoint of Tribulation. In Revelation 8 and the 2nd and 3rd Trumpets, the waters turn to blood, water will be scarce. "Nor about your body", emphasis on YOUR, again during the Tribulation they will be killed for believing in Jesus. Their body will be destroyed. Matthew is telling the Jews and unbelievers that trying to prep and gather food will be useless. Verse 32 Matthew is clearly speaking to Jews, "For after all these things THE GENTILES seek", Luke says "the nations of the world"

Matthew in verse also deals with the Jews dependence on the Law hear when he tells them to seek God FIRST and HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, not their righteousness.

Worrying about tomorrow is futile when you are dealing with the possibility of death at any moment during the Tribulation.

#### **Do Not Worry**

#### Luke

(Matt. 6:19-21, 25-34)

#### The Bride

- Then He said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, "do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. 23 Life is more than food, and the body *is more* than clothing. 24 Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and "God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds? 25 And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? 26 If you then are not able to do *the* least, why <sup>4</sup>are you anxious for the rest?
- <sup>27</sup> Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even "Solomon in all his glory was not <sup>5</sup>arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup> If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more *will He clothe* you, O *you* of "little faith?
- <sup>29</sup> "And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. <sup>30</sup> For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father <sup>y</sup>knows that you need these things. <sup>31</sup> <sup>z</sup>But seek <sup>6</sup>the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.
- 32 "Do not fear, little flock, for ait is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 bSell what you have and give calms; dprovide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Luke for the most part says the same thing to the Bride, but adds verse 26. Berean Standard Bible translates verse 25 this way, "Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" Only God has control of our lives and when we die. The lesson to learn is that we trust God with every aspect of our lives so why worry. Notice in verse 31 Luke leaves out what Matthew wrote about Jesus' righteousness. Why? The Bride has trusted by faith in Jesus and His Righteousness and seeks God diligently, like Enoch in Hebrews 11:5-6.

Lastly, Luke includes verses 32–34. Notice the words "little flock", oh the spiritual implications of those words. The flock is little because narrow is the way that leads to heaven. Another reason why Luke is to the Bride.

#### The Narrow Way

#### Matthew

(Luke 13:24)

the Jews

13 k"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 3Because narrow *is* the gate and 4difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

### The Narrow Way

Luke

(Matt. 7:13, 14)

The Bride

<sup>22</sup> <sup>m</sup>And He went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup> Then one said to Him, "Lord, are there <sup>n</sup>few who are saved?"

And He said to them, <sup>24</sup> o"Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for pmany, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

- <sup>25</sup> <sup>q</sup>When once the Master of the house has risen up and <sup>r</sup>shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, <sup>s</sup>'Lord, Lord, open for us,' and He will answer and say to you, <sup>t</sup>'I do not know you, where you are from,' <sup>26</sup> then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.'
- <sup>27</sup> "But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. 'Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.' <sup>28</sup> "There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, "when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out. <sup>29</sup> They will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit down in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup> "And indeed there are last who will be first, and there are first who will be last."
- <sup>31</sup> On that very day some Pharisees came, saying to Him, "Get out and depart from here, for Herod wants to kill You."
- 32 And He said to them, "Go, tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third *day* <sup>2</sup>I shall be <sup>10</sup>perfected.' 33 Nevertheless I must journey today, tomorrow, and the *day* following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem.

## Jews, The Saints, The Bride

#### The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins

- <sup>1</sup> "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet athe bridegroom.

  <sup>2</sup> bNow five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

  <sup>3</sup> Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them,

  <sup>4</sup> but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

  <sup>5</sup> But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.
- <sup>4</sup> "And at midnight <sup>d</sup>a cry was *heard*: 'Behold, the bridegroom <sup>1</sup> is coming; go out to meet him!' 7 Then all those virgins arose and <sup>e</sup> trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us *some* of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise answered, saying, '*No*, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup> And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and <sup>f</sup> the door was shut.
- "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, g'Lord, Lord, open to us!" 12 But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, hI do not know you.'
- <sup>13</sup> <sup>i</sup>"Watch therefore, for you <sup>j</sup>know neither the day nor the hour <sup>2</sup>in which the Son of Man is coming.

Luke here is warning everyone to seek Jesus. Notice that he pulls in what Matthew wrote that Jesus said in the parable of the Ten Virgins. My understanding of the Ten Virgins is that they are the ones left behind and only 5 of the Virgins believe in Jesus during the Tribulation. In my Revelation Study I talk about the Door being SHUT at the Mid-point of the Tribulation.

Luke goes on to say that they will be going into "weeping and gnashing of teeth". What does this mean? My understanding is there are two meanings here, 1st the second half of the Tribulation is utter darkness and in Revelation we see reference to the gnashing of teeth in chapter 16: 10 Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain. This is the 5th Bowl which is darkness poured out. 2nd there is the casting into the Lake of Fire where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth.

The Bride is in heaven at the wedding feast, the saints will make it by the mid-point, and the Remnant will be saved by the end of the Great Tribulation and the rest will be forever separated from God.

## Matthew

the Jews

### The Parable of the Wedding Feast

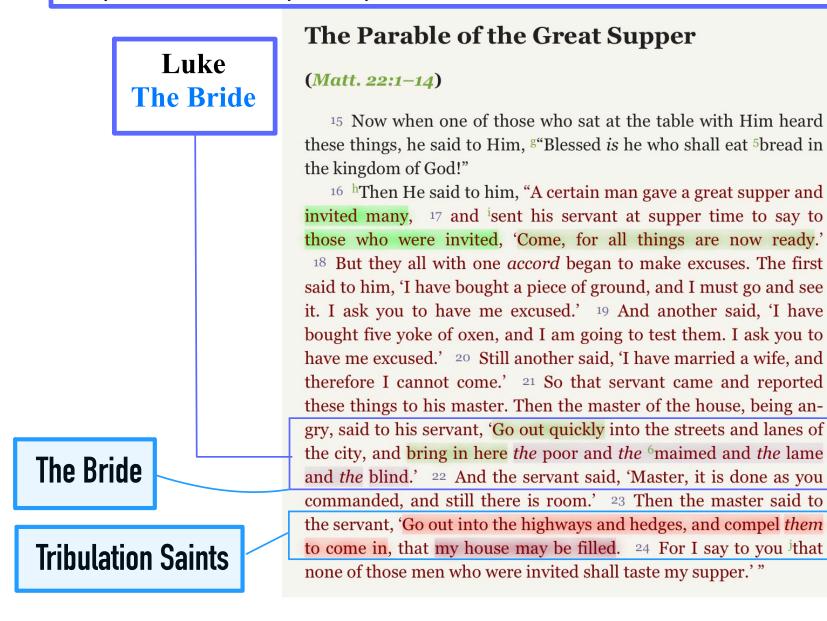
(Luke 14:15-24)

<sup>1</sup> And Jesus answered <sup>a</sup>and spoke to them again by parables and said: 2 "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, 3 and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. 4 Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; bmy oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding." ' 5 But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. 6 And the rest seized his servants, treated them <sup>1</sup>spitefully, and killed them. <sup>7</sup> But when the king heard *about it*, he was furious. And he sent out <sup>c</sup>his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. 8 Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not dworthy. 9 Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' 10 So those servants went out into the highways and egathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there <sup>f</sup>who did not have on a wedding garment. <sup>12</sup> So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was <sup>g</sup>speechless. <sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, <sup>2</sup>take him away, and cast *him* hinto outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

<sup>14</sup> i"For many are called, but few are chosen."

Luke in his writings is going into more description of those who were/are invited, these begin to make excuses that show where their hearts are, the world. As with Matthew, Luke writes that God sends out servants (of the Groom) to get the (Bride) "and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind." Then the tribulation saints are brought to the wedding feast at the mid-point, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."



Matthew by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit wrote "invited". Who are the invited? Everyone is invited. John 3:15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. Salvation is through Jesus Christ who is from the Tribe of Judah, a Jew. The Jews however persecuted the messengers and even killed them. Rejecting Jesus made them unworthy. This is why verse 7, the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD.

Now the church was born to go and spread the Gospel to the "and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind. Luke 14:21".

What is the wedding garment? The white robe that all who accept Jesus Christ receive, so those that do not believe in Christ by the mid-point of the Tribulation will be cast into outer darkness separated from God.

## Jesus Institutes the Lord's Supper Matthew

the Jews

(Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-23; 1 Cor. 11:23-26)

- <sup>26</sup> <sup>u</sup>And as they were eating, <sup>v</sup>Jesus took bread, <sup>3</sup>blessed and broke *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; <sup>w</sup>this is My body."
- <sup>27</sup> Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, <sup>x</sup>"Drink from it, all of you. <sup>28</sup> For <sup>y</sup>this is My blood <sup>z</sup>of the <sup>4</sup>new covenant, which is shed <sup>a</sup>for many for the <sup>5</sup>remission of sins.
- 29 But bI say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on cuntil that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."
- 30 dAnd when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

### Jesus Institutes the Lord's Supper

Mark

**The Saints** 

(Matt. 26:26–29; Luke 22:14–23; 1 Cor. 11:23–26)

- <sup>22</sup> <sup>n</sup>And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave *it* to them and said, "Take, <sup>6</sup>eat; this is My <sup>o</sup>body."
- 23 Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave *it* to them, and they all drank from it. 

  24 And He said to them, "This is My blood of the 7new covenant, which is shed for many.

  25 Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."
- <sup>26</sup> PAnd when they had sung <sup>8</sup>a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

What is "kingdom of God" referring to here? My understanding is that there are 2 meanings, the first being it is the spiritual body of Jesus Christ the Church, the second being the actual place where God is. So which one Is Jesus talking about here? The actual place where God is. Heaven is where the kingdom is now but will be on earth when Jesus comes at the end of Tribulation to setup His throne in Jerusalem for 1000 years.

Matthew, speaking to Jews, is pointing them to the connection of Jesus shedding His blood as the sacrifice that truly removes sin, animal sacrifices are no longer necessary.

#### What is that day? THE GREAT DAY OF THE LORD

The Great day of the Lord is not just one day, but the culmination of the whole 7 year Tribulation.

Rev. 6:17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

Joel 2:11b For the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; Who can endure it?

Isaiah 2:12 For the day of the LORD of hosts
Shall come upon everything proud and lofty,
Isa. 13:6 Wail, for the day of the LORD is at hand!
It will come as destruction from the Almighty.

vill no longer eat of it juntil it is fulfilled in t

Rev 19:9-12 NKJV

<sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Write: <sup>o</sup>Blessed *are* those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, <sup>p</sup>"These are the true sayings of God." <sup>10</sup> And <sup>q</sup>I fell at

## Jesus Institutes the Lord's Supper Luke The Bride

- apostles with Him. <sup>15</sup> Then He said to them, "With *fervent* desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; <sup>16</sup> for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it juntil it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."
- 17 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; 18 for kI say to you, 3I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."
- <sup>19</sup> And He took bread, gave thanks and broke *it*, and gave *it* to them, saying, "This is My "body which is given for you; "do this in remembrance of Me."
- Likewise He also *took* the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you. <sup>21</sup> PBut behold, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on the table. <sup>22</sup> And truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!"
- <sup>23</sup> Then they began to question among themselves, which of them it was who would do this thing.

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epithumia: desire, passionate longing, lust Original Word: ἐπιθυμία, ας, ἡ Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine

Phonetic Spelling: (ep-ee-thoo-mee'-ah)

Definition: desire, passionate longing, lust

epithumeó: desire, lust after Original Word: ἐπιθυμέω Part of Speech: Verb

Phonetic Spelling: (ep-ee-thoo-meh'-o)

Definition: desire, lust after

Usage: I long for, covet, lust after, set the heart upon

**Strong's Concordance** 

I love the NKJV translation, because it is emphasizing how much Jesus longed to be with the Bride.

Luke is definitely talking to the Bride! Only in Luke does Jesus say "this cup" in verse 20, which in the Galilean wedding tradition, that is unique from all other weddings in the region at that time period, the cup was offered to the desired bride and it was her decision to either drink from the cup or not.

Luke The Bride

Matthew the Jews

### You Will Know Them by Their Fruits

(Matt. 12:33; Luke 6:43-45)

15 l"Beware of false prophets, mwho come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 mYou will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? 17 Even so, pevery good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor *can* a bad tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

Matthew here is speaking of the unrighteous path that the Jewish priests of the past had taken to deceive the kings of old. Telling lies for gain and money. Matthew also warns of the coming judgment on those who do not know Jesus Christ.

### A Tree Is Known by Its Fruit

(Matt. 7:15-20)

bear good fruit. 44 For gevery tree is known by its own fruit. For *men* do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. 45 hA good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil 9treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out iof the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Luke never mentions anything about False Prophets or teachers. Why? The Bride has the Holy Spirit now living inside them and IF they are led by the Holy Spirit they will know the Truth. When we have the Truth, by being in God's Word, we are able to hear and see the false. Paul was preaching to the Bereans and they even said to Paul that they would test what he said against the Scriptures. This is where we get the saying "Be a Berean".

### A Tree Known by Its Fruit

(Matt. 7:15-20)

33 "Either make the tree good and aits fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by *its* fruit.

34 bBrood<sup>6</sup> of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things?

For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. 35 A good man out of the good treasure 7 of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. 36 But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. 37 For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

Mark's account is different in that he warns false teachers against making people fall in to sin. He is warning them of judgment for every word they speak and soul they lead astray. John even spoke to the religious leaders. Jesus even equates them to Satan the 1st serpent, snake.

#### Matthew 3:7

<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, <sup>k</sup>"Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from <sup>l</sup>the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance,

#### John 8:42-44

42 Jesus said to them, b"If God were your Father, you would love Me, for 'I proceeded forth and came from God; dnor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me.

43 eWhy do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word.

44 You are of your father the devil, and the gdesires of your father you want to hdo. He was a murderer from the beginning, and

It doesn't matter how large a church a preacher has, how many books he has sold, or how many people applaud him. If he "teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness," then he is a wolf in sheep's clothing (1 <u>Timothy 6:3</u>).