

Matthew 24:1-2 Transitions

Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. But he answered them, "You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." - Matthew 24:1-2

Transition #1 - Jesus goes from spending time with the

_____ to spending time with His ______.

See Matthew 13:1-23 for another example of Jesus teaching the crowd and His Disciples separately.

See Matthew 28:18-20 for the Great Commission.

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. - Acts 2:42-47

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Question: As a disciple of Jesus, do you prioritize spending time with him and your fellow disciples throughout the week – both in large public settings and in the smaller private ones that both Jesus and the early church modelled for us? Or are there other things that keep you from active participation in the life of the body of Christ? Chew on that this week.

Transition # 2 – We see a transition taking place from

the way _____ had been to the way it was going to be (and now is).

In 70AD, less than 40 years after Jesus spoke the words in verse 2, history tells us that General Titus Vespasian stormed Jerusalem with the soldiers of the Roman Empire, with instructions to completely wipe out the city and its occupants. The Temple was utterly destroyed. Not one stone was left upon another, exactly as Jesus predicted.

See John 4:19-26 for Jesus' interaction with the Samaritan woman at the well.

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? - 1 Corinthians 6:19

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. - 1 Peter 2:4-5

Question: How often do you reflect on the reality that you are a temple of God, and that God lives in you? If you thought about that incredible truth more often, do you think that would change the way you live your life?

Transition # 3 – Jesus transitions from talking about

things that ______ to talking about things that