

***The Olivet Discourse 4: The Unmistakable Second Coming***  
**Matthew 24:26-35**

**I. Introduction:** *False predictions of secret second comings of Christ*

Review of the context and different interpretations (vss. 3-20)

**II. Jesus contrasts the secret covert comings of false messiahs with His unmistakable future second coming (vss. 21-29)**

Futurism: This describes future events (vss. 21-22)

not 70 A.D. (preterism) and

not continual events in church history (historicism)

Covert comings vs. the visible coming of Christ (vss. 23-27)

Revelation 1:7, Acts 1:11

The unmistakable sign of gathering vultures (vs. 28)

*Immediately after*

**III. The sign of the Son of Man (vss. 29-31)**

1. A cosmic shaking

Is 9:9-13, Ez 38:19-23, Zech 9:14-16, Joel 2:31, Heb 12:26-27, Rev 6:12-17

2. A mourning of the tribes of the earth

a mourning of regret (Rev 6) or of repentance (Zech 12:10, Rev 1:7)

3. The return of Christ (Dan 7:13-14, Rev 19:11-16)

Maranatha! (Rev 22:20)

4. The resurrection or rapture of the elect (Rev 19:14)

1 Thess 4:13-18, 1 Cor 15:52

The Rapture of the church – secret or visible?

**IV. A lesson from the fig tree (vss. 32-35)**