

happened there would be a time in which they would witness to Him, in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth. So they were sent out to carry on this witness. I doubt if one of those disciples would have believed it would be two thousand years before the Lord would come back. I imagine that every one of them thought that He would be coming very soon. In fact, if you read in almost any book on Palestinian archeology, or Palestinian investigation, you will find the statement made, no matter who writes the book, that many of the knowledge of the places in Palestine where things happened in the life of the Lord has to a great extent been lost because during the first three hundred years, the disciples were not treasuring so much the memory of the things Jesus did, as looking forward to His soon coming. And they were looking forward to His return and witnessing as broadly as they could, to have as many as possible to receive Him, at His return, thinking that the return would be very soon. And it was after Constantine became the great Christian emperor and people settled down the the idea that we're going to make a good world before Jesus comes, that they began to carry on that very valuable investigation into just where things had happened in Palestine, and tried to remember the exact point. But Jesus had never said he was coming in their lifetime, never said he was coming in a hundred years, he never said he would come in a thousand years, but He did say that He was coming, this same Jesus shall so come, v.11 tells us, in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. And Jesus said in verse 7, it is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

Now you read the Scripture and you read about events which are to take place before the Lord's return, you read about things which are to happen before he gets here, and you wonder how can it be that it is not for us to know the times or the seasons. Some people say the temple at Jerusalem must be rebuilt. Some people say there must be services there and the antiChrist must be setting himself up as a god and must be