

Matthew
chapter 24
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Are You Prepared for Jesus To Return?

*Memory
Verse*

“Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.” Matthew 24:42-44

Signs and Times

Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives and the disciples came near to ask what will be the sign of His coming and of the end of the ages? Jesus describes many signs or events of the end before He sets up His kingdom on earth. This seven-year period is known as the Great Tribulation. But before this period, Jesus will come back to gather all of those that have accepted Him as their Lord and Savior. This is known as the rapture. In 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 “Jesus will descend from heaven with a shout with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And we shall always be with the Lord.” Wow, I can’t wait for Jesus to come back. But there are many who are not ready because they do not know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Whether you are ready or not, Jesus will return and when He does, Philippians 2:10-11 says every knee will bow and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

As believers we should be ready in and out of season, for we do not know the day or hour, only the Father in heaven. Jesus says it will be as a thief in the night. Just as a homeowner is not prepared when a thief comes to the home, otherwise the home would not have been broken into. We need to be ready for His return and make sure we use every opportunity to share the gospel with those who do not know Jesus. Here are a few signs Jesus describes in this chapter:

- Beware of people who say they are Jesus Christ. For there is only one Jesus.
- There will be wars and talk of wars. Do not be discouraged Jesus has the victory.
- Nations and kingdoms will rise up and be against one another. Jesus says this must happen, but know that Jesus will return to rule and reign.
- There will not be enough food to eat, lots of disease spreading and earthquakes.
- It will be very difficult for believers of Jesus for they will be hated.
- Many will be offended and will hate one another. As a result, many will not follow the laws that keep each of us safe.
- The love of many will grow cold. But those who suffer and believe in the Lord shall be saved.

Jesus says after the Great Tribulation the world will see Him coming on the clouds of heaven with great power and glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect or believers from the earth and from one end of heaven to the other. Jesus says “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.” Amen.

Read Matthew Chapter 24 and answer the questions below.

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*Questions &
Personal
Application*

1) What did the disciples ask Jesus about at the Mount of Olives?

Hint: Matthew 23:13

2) What is the Great Tribulation and how long is this period of time?

Hint: Matthew 24:15 and Daniel 9:20-27

3) What happens during the rapture and who is taken?

Hint: 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17

4) List several signs that we as believers need to be ready for?

Hint: Matthew 24:4-14

5) What does Jesus say about His word?

Hint: Matthew 24:35

6) What are several ways to help prepare you for what is sure to come?

7) Write a list of people you can pray for that do not know Jesus? How can you share the gospel with those people?

Prayer:

Jesus, thank you for your promises, you say heaven and earth will pass away, but your words will never pass away. Father help me to be ready in and out of season so that I may share the gospel with those around me. Give me the words to encourage others and show your love so that I may be your witness. We pray for all those who we love and know that do not know you as their Lord and Savior. We pray for their salvation. Jesus, we want to be ready when you return. Thank you, Jesus that you made a way and died for my sins and the sins of the world. Amen.

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