

# What Did Jesus Say About the End of the Age?

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**Matthew 24:3**, *As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"*

## How Did Jesus Answer?

### There Will Be SIGNS

**Matthew 24:1**, *Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings. 2 "Do you see all these things?" he asked. "Truly I tell you, not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down."*

**Matthew 24:6**, *Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.... 8 All these are the beginning of birth pains.*

- **False Messiahs/Prophets** (24:5, 11)
- **Wars** (24:6, 7a)
- **Famines and Earthquakes** (24:7b)
- **Persecution** (24:9)
- **Rebellion and Hate** (24:10, 12)
- **Abomination of Desolation** (24:15–20) (Daniel 8:13; 9:27; 11:31; 12:11)
- **Great Tribulation** (24:21–28)
- **The Coming of Christ** (24:29–31)

**Matthew 24:32**, *"Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. 33 Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. 34 Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly*

*not pass away until all these things have happened. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.*

### **He Will RETURN**

**Matthew 24:36**, *But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.*

**Matthew 24:14**, *And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.*

**Acts 1:7**, *He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. 10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."*

**Matthew 24:42**, *"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. 43 But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.*

### **His Followers Should Be FAITHFUL**

**Matthew 24:45**, *"Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? 46 It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. 47 Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. 48 But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, 'My master is staying away a long time,' 49 and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards. 50 The master of that servant will come*

*on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. 51 He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

## **What Does This Look Like?**

### **Be ALERT**

**Matthew 25:1**, *“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish and five were wise. 3 The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. 4 The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. 5 The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. 6 “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ 7 “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’ 9 “‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ 10 “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. 11 “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’ 12 “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’ 13 “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.*

- **We Live the Christian Life and Remain ALERT by**
  - **Following Jesus**
  - **Being Constantly Transformed by Jesus**
  - **Fishing for Men**
  
- **Preparedness Cannot Be Transferred or Shared**

### **Be DILIGENT**

**Matthew 25:14**, *“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. 15 To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. 16 The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. 17 So also, the one with two bags of*

*gold gained two more. 18 But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.*

**Matthew 25:26**, *"His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed?"*

**Matthew 25:30**, *And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'*

- **Be Diligent in**
  - **Following Jesus**
  - **Being Transformed by Jesus**
  - **Fishing for Men**

### **Be ON THE RIGHT SIDE**

**Matthew 25:31**, *"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. 34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'*

**Matthew 25:41**, *"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'* 44 *"They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' 45 "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'* 46 *"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."*

**Matthew 25:40**, *And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'*

**Matthew 25:45**, *Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'* 46 *And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."*