



## *The King and His Kingdom*      *Matthew 24*

### *Big Kingdom Questions: How? and When?*

*"For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say,  
'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"*

*Matthew 23:39*

Jesus had just pronounced righteous judgment against the scribes and Pharisees who misled the Jews in their worship life. Now, his prophecy of the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem caused his disciples to inquire when and how all of the things might take place that signal his coming again.

There is something more important than knowing how or when the last day will come, Jesus told them.

*"See that no one leads you astray."*

*Matthew 24:4*

The tribulations associated with the life of a believer in Christ are many. False prophets will attempt to lead you astray. False Christs will attempt to steal your faith. Evil men will threaten to destroy you. They will even kill you.

*"The one who endures to the end will be saved."*

*Matthew 24:13*

Do not be surprised when these things take place. Do not be thrown off balance so that you follow those who would lead you where you should not go.

*"See, I have told you beforehand."*

*Matthew 14:25*

*"If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed."*

*Galatians 1:9*

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The Son of Man's coming will be preceded by numerous signs, but few will take note of them. Thus, His arrival will be a time of shock and mourning for most, when the world realizes that its end has come.

*"When you see all these things you know that he is near, at the very gates. But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven."*

*Matthew 24:33, 36*

The disciple of Jesus must be ready at all times for the return of our Lord, guarding his faith with the Word of Christ and avoiding those things that threaten one's salvation.

*"Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. For the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."*

*Matthew 24:42, 44*

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## **Walking in Matthew's Sandals**

### **Further study and discussion:**

The return of Christ in judgment does not seem like a real thing to many people. Perhaps this is because it is without precedent. How about you? Do you ever think about Christ's return and how it will affect you?

Does the promise of Christ's return and your resurrection bring hope to your heart or does it cause fear within you?

Do you regret the idea of this world coming to an end? What is a more proper view of the end of this world? (Hint: thing in terms of a new creation—the world as it was meant to be from the beginning!)

Jesus warned us not to be led astray while awaiting his return. How is this possible?