

The Olivet Discourse Matthew 24:2-3
Jesus' Answers the Disciples Question about The End Matthew 24:4-14

Road Signs of The End Times

_____ **Matthew 24:6-7a** _____ **and** _____ **Matthew 24:7b-8**

The Rapture

A common mistake is to try to find the "Rapture of the Church" in Matthew 24. It is not there. The church was not yet formed when Jesus spoke these words. This message predicts Israel's future. John 14:1-3. "...I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

The Tribulation

Matthew 24:9-14 The _____ of the Tribulation (3 ½ years)

Even after the rapture of the church, people will continue to be born again and will have to deal with the trials, persecution, and even death for their faith. They will have to stand firm. Revelation 7:9-14.

**Matthew 24:15-26 The _____ of The Tribulation (3 ½ years),
The Great Tribulation!**

The Elect referred to in vs. 22, 24, and later in 31 are the born again, during the tribulation, Jewish remnant.

The _____ Matthew 24:27-29 (Revelation 19:11 – 16)

While no one knows the exact day or hour, we do know the second coming will occur – "immediately after the tribulation". There is a difference in Jesus coming in the air to catch up His church (the rapture) and Jesus coming back to the earth in His second coming.

The Ultimate Sign of The Second Coming Matthew 24:30-31

At this point may be "The Judgement of the Nations" recorded in Matthew 25:31-46.

The Generation That Sees These Things Matthew 24:32-34

The generation that sees the Tribulation will also see the coming of Christ Jesus and the other end time events.

What Are We to Do Considering The End?

- 1) **Know that the _____ of _____ Will Never Fail Us.** **Matthew 24:35**
- 2) **_____ and Be _____** **Matthew 24:36-44** (Vs 40-41 THIS IS NOT TALKING ABOUT THE RAPTURE)
- 3) **Be _____ to Our Calling and Mission** **Matthew 24:45-51**
- 4) **Maintain a _____ of the _____** Jesus teaches about readiness & preparation. **Matt. 25:1-13**
- 5) **Be _____ of Our _____ Until Jesus Returns** **Matthew 25:14-30.** This is where we will find joy as we serve.

A wise man once said... It is useless to set the day and hour for Christ's coming. It is folly to neglect it!

Life App and Family Devotional Questions

1. Jesus sat down on the Mount of Olives to answer the disciple questions. What did they ask? Matt 24:3
2. Jesus began his answer with what warning in Matt. 24:4-5? Is this warning also applicable to us today?
3. What two road signs to "The End" did Jesus say to watch for in Matt 24:6-7? Comparing it to what? Vs 8
4. No one knows the exact day or the hour of Jesus' return, but when will the glorious appearing, the second coming of Christ occur? (Matt. 24:27-29)
5. What does the fig tree teach us? (Matt. 24:32-34) Which "Generation" is Jesus referring to?
6. What will pass away and what will not pass away?
7. As we wait for the return of Christ what should we do? (Matt. 24:42-44) and (Matt. 24:46)

¹ David R. Shepherd, SHEPARDS NOTES, Matthew (Nashville: B & H Publishing House, 1997), p.103-104