



PRESENT DAY TRUTH

Living in the Last Days? — What Jesus Said to Watch For, and What He Said to Do

*"So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors."
— Matthew 24:33*

*"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand
before the Son of man."
— Luke 21:36*

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Wars. Famines. Pestilences. Earthquakes. Every headline sounds like a page from the same chapter — and it is. Two thousand years ago, on the Mount of Olives, Jesus told His disciples exactly what the world would look like just before His return, and exactly how to be ready. This pamphlet puts His words on one side and the day's news on the other — and then asks the only question that matters. **"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good"** (1 Thessalonians 5:21).

PART I — THE SIGNS JESUS SAID TO WATCH (MATTHEW 24)

I Wars, Rumors of Wars, Famines, Pestilences & Earthquakes *the headlines you're watching*

Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives and answered His disciples' question — **"What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?"** (Matthew 24:3). His answer reads like this morning's news.

Matthew 24:4–8

*"Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of **wars and rumours of wars**: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For **nation shall rise against nation**, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be **famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places**. All these are the **beginning of sorrows**."*

Matthew 24:21

*"For then shall be **great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be."*

What Jesus Said	What You're Watching
"Wars and rumours of wars" (24:6)	The Russia–Ukraine war · Israel, the US & Iran · the Israel–Gaza conflict
"There shall be famines" (24:7)	Sudan — hunger and disease · Haiti — hunger crisis · food crises across Africa, the Middle East & the Caribbean
"Pestilences" (24:7)	Disease outbreaks following war, displacement, and hunger
"Earthquakes, in divers places" (24:7)	Earthquakes: Venezuela, Colombia, Tonga & Japan · Haiti — earthquakes & hurricanes
"The beginning of sorrows" (24:8)	Not the end yet — the birth pangs . The contractions are getting closer together.

Don't miss the point: Jesus did not give these signs to frighten us — He gave them so that when we see them, we would **look up**. "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for **your redemption draweth nigh**" (Luke 21:28).

II False Christs, Great Deception & the Need to Watch *as it was in the days of Noah*

Jesus' strongest warnings were not about wars — they were about **deception**. The greatest danger of the last days is not the headline; it is the counterfeit.

Matthew 24:23–25

"Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; **believe it not**. For there shall arise **false Christs, and false prophets**, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive **the very elect**. Behold, **I have told you before**."

Matthew 24:36–37

"But of that day and hour **knoweth no man**, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But **as the days of Noe were**, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

Matthew 24:39

"And **knew not until the flood came**, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." — Noah's generation was eating, drinking, marrying — life as usual — until the day it wasn't.

The warning for us

The last deception will be **religious** — signs and wonders, a counterfeit Christ. The only safety is to know the Word before the test comes. "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119:11).

PART II — THE TWO DESTINIES

III Who Enters Heaven — and Who Does Not *the Bible draws the line*

The Bible is wonderfully plain about the way in — and soberly plain about the way that misses it. It all comes down to one Person.

Who Enters Into Heaven	Who Does Not
John 3:16–17 — "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life . For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved ."	John 3:18 — "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already , because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."
John 14:6 — "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life : no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."	John 14:6 — No man cometh unto the Father but by Him . There is no second door.
John 14:15–17 — " If ye love me, keep my commandments . And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth ... for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."	Those who claim His name but refuse His Word — "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? " (Luke 6:46).

IV The Parable of the Ten Virgins *Matthew 25:1–13 — five make it, five don't*

Ten young women go out to wait for the bridegroom's wedding banquet, lamps in hand. All ten look the part. All ten fall asleep while he delays. At midnight the shout comes — and only then is the difference revealed.

Five Wise — Make It to Heaven	Five Foolish — Do Not
Bring extra flasks of oil for their lamps	Bring only their lamps — no extra oil
<i>The bridegroom is delayed — and all ten fall asleep while waiting.</i>	
At the midnight shout, they wake and trim their lamps	They realize their lamps are going out — and go to buy oil
The bridegroom arrives — the five wise go in to the wedding banquet	They return and beg to enter — but the door is shut
They are known by the bridegroom and welcomed in	His answer: " I know you not " (Matthew 25:12)

The Bridegroom = Jesus Christ

The one whose arrival is delayed, whose coming is announced at midnight, and who opens — and shuts — the door.

The Virgins = the visible church

Those waiting for Christ's return. **All ten looked ready**. The difference was invisible — until midnight.

The Oil = the Holy Spirit

Internal spiritual readiness — a supply that **cannot be borrowed or bought at the last minute** from someone else.

The Core Lesson

"**Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour** wherein the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 25:13). Have a true relationship with the Father, with Jesus Christ our Saviour, and **be filled with the Holy Spirit** — our Helper from God when you accept Jesus as your true Lord and Saviour.

PART III — THE CHOICE

V "Well Done" — or "Depart From Me"? *which voice will you hear?*

Two sentences. Two eternal outcomes. And the dividing line is not church attendance, good intentions, or looking the part — it is a **personal, true relationship with Jesus**.

Matthew 25:21

"Well done, thou **good and faithful servant**... enter thou into the joy of thy lord."

Matthew 7:23

"And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**"

A personal relationship looks like

Reading the Word · praying and seeking God's guidance · praising Him · **knowing Him** — and being known by Him.

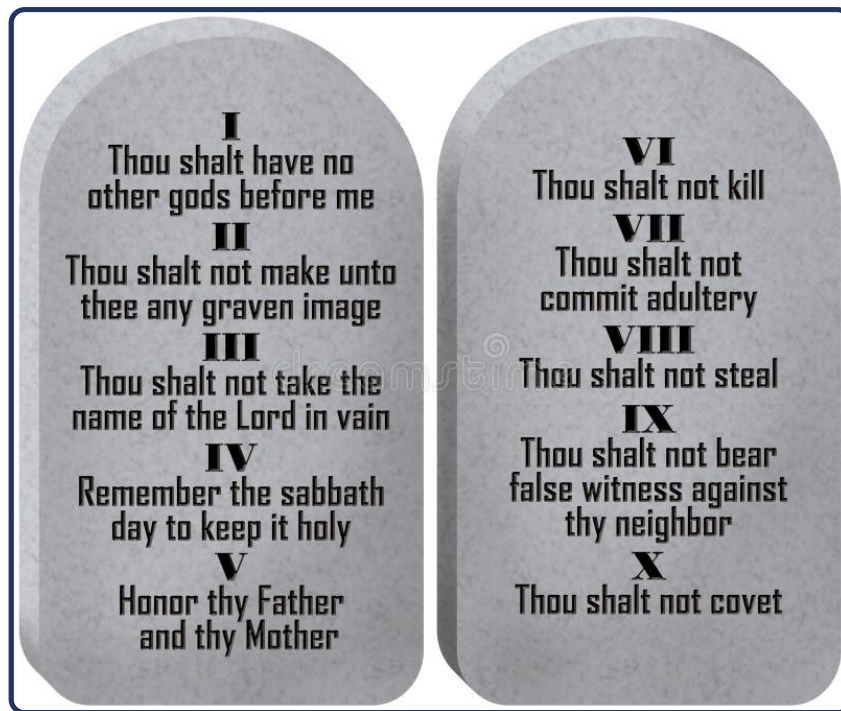
The lack of one looks like

Living worldly, your own way and your own desires — **the lamp without oil.**

CHOOSE TODAY WHO YOU WILL SERVE — GOD OR SATAN. YOU CAN'T SERVE BOTH. "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other... **Ye cannot serve God and mammon**" (Matthew 6:24). "Choose you this day whom ye will serve... **but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD**" (Joshua 24:15). And choose your eternity: **choose to live forever** — "whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16) — for the alternative is to be **burned up and non-existent**: "the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts" (Malachi 4:1), and "they shall be as though they had not been" (Obadiah 1:16).

VI The Ten Commandments — and the Day God Blessed written in stone by the finger of God

"If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). And at the very center of the Ten — the only one that begins with "**Remember**" — is the one the world has been taught to forget.



The Ten Commandments — written in stone by the finger of God (Exodus 31:18). Stone means they don't change.

Exodus 20:8–11 — the fourth

"**Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.** Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but **the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God**... For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and **rested the seventh day**: wherefore the LORD **blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.**"

Which day is it?

God's Sabbath is **Friday sundown to Saturday sundown** — the biblical day runs evening to evening ("from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath," Leviticus 23:32). Church on **Saturday** — **that is the seventh day. Sunday is the first day of the week** — and nowhere in Scripture did God ever bless it or change His day.

Luke 4:16

"And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, **as his custom was**, he went into the synagogue **on the sabbath day.**" — Jesus kept it. So did the apostles (Acts 13:42–44; 17:2; 18:4).

Revelation 14:12

God's last-day people, described: "Here are they that **keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.**" — Both. Not one or the other.

VII The Invitation — Oil in Your Lamp, Today

"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come... **Therefore be ye also ready:** for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

— Matthew 24:42, 44

The signs are not given to scare you — they are given to **prepare you**. And readiness is not a date on a chart or a headline you track. Readiness is a Person you know. Have a true relationship with God the Father, with Jesus Christ our Saviour, and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Romans 10:9

*"That if thou shalt **confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus**, and shalt **believe in thine heart** that God hath raised him from the dead, **thou shalt be saved**."*

Revelation 22:17, 20

*"And the Spirit and the bride say, **Come**... And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. **Surely I come quickly**. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."*

Your next step: (1) Read Matthew 24 and 25 tonight — the words are Jesus' own. (2) Open your heart to Him honestly: ask for the oil of the Holy Spirit — the relationship no one can borrow for you. (3) Test everything you have been taught — about the last days, about heaven, about the Sabbath — by the Word itself. (4) Then keep watch — not in fear, but in hope. The same Jesus who warned of wars and deception also promised: **"I will come again, and receive you unto myself"** (John 14:3).

*"And when these things begin to come to pass, then **look up**, and lift up your heads; for **your redemption draweth nigh**."*

— **Luke 21:28**

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