

Watch and Be Ready!
Matthew 24:36-25:13
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Main Point:

Don't wait; *now* is the time to get ready for Jesus' coming.

1. Unlike the destruction of Jerusalem, we cannot know the day of Jesus' 2nd Coming. (24:36)

2. What we can know is that His 2nd Coming will be sudden and selective. (24:37-41)

3. Since His 2nd Coming will be sudden and selective, we must be ready for it today. (24:42-51)

4. Readiness for His coming is a personal matter. (25:1-13)

Matthew 24:36 ³⁶ "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. (ESV)

Mark 13:32 ³² "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. (NKJV)

Acts 1:6-7 ⁶ ... "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. (NKJV)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-3 ¹ But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. ² For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. ³ For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. (NKJV)

Matthew 13:40-43 ⁴⁰ "Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. ⁴¹ "The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, ⁴² "and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ "Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father ... (NKJV)

Matthew 25:31-34, 41 ³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. ³² "All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. ³³ "And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on His right hand, `Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world ... ⁴¹ "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, `Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels (NKJV)

Mark Ross "As in the days of Noah, there will come an end to the period of grace, and the door will be shut ... When that door is shut, no man can open it."

2 Peter 3:10-11, 14 ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. ¹¹ Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness ... ¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; (NKJV)

Matthew 23:33 ³³ "Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell? (NKJV)

John Legg "The point being made is that this is a personal matter. We must not rely on anyone else, but must ourselves be prepared – and that in advance. There is no collective grace, no transferable faith, no inherited righteousness."