
How We Should Prepare For The King's Return

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What kind of people ought you to be?



What the [Bible](#) reveals about the return of the King

There will be deceivers and false teachers! (Matthew 24:4-5)

Matthew 24:4-5

Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many.

Many believers will shake and quake and overreact to the "signs of the times" (Matthew 24:6)

Matthew 24:6

You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.

Before Jesus comes again, things will get really bad globally and personally (Matthew 24:15-21)

Matthew 24:15-21

"So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand— 16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17 Let no one on the housetop go down to take anything out of the house. 18 Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak. 19 How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! 20 Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath. 21 For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again.

Lots of people (even people who know Jesus) will fall for the ploys of our spiritual enemy! (Matthew 24:22-28)

Matthew 24:22-28

"If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened. 23 At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Messiah!' or, 'There he is!' do not believe it. 24 For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 25 See, I have told you ahead of time. 26 "So if anyone tells you, 'There he is, out in the wilderness,' do not go out; or, 'Here he is, in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. 27 For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 28 Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather.

Those who keep their eyes sharp and their heart attentive can be ready for the return of the King (with humility) (Matthew 24:42-44)

Matthew 24:42-44

"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.

Believers who really follow the teaching of Jesus will work hard and serve faithfully until the King returns (Matthew 24:45-51)

Matthew 24:45-51

"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.

Do we [believe](#) the King is coming again?

If so, we will not compromise the truth! (Matthew 24:4-5)

If we do, we will seek to stand strong and solid on the rock of Jesus! (Matthew 24:6)

If I do, I will prepare to face big battles by dealing with the little ones today! (Matthew 24:15-21)

If so, I will sharpen my skills of discernment and spiritual wisdom! (Matthew 24:22-28)

If so, we will watch for the signs (we learned about last week) and be ready if Jesus comes or if he waits. (Matthew 24:42-44)

If we do, we will not put our heart and life in neutral but strive forward in joyful surrender to Jesus (Matthew 24:45-51)

How should the King's promised return impact my [today](#) and my [tomorrow](#)?

I will name, call out, and stand against deceit and false teaching. (Matthew 24:4-5)

I will not be a reactionary, anxious, or wound-up Christian (Matthew 24:6)

I will remember that heaven is my home, and this world is not my final destination! (Matthew 24:15-21)

I will learn to say, "No!" when I see the enemy coming against me, the church, and the work of Jesus in the world! (Matthew 24:22-28)

I will listen, watch, discern, and do it all with the humble heart of Jesus. (Matthew 24:42-44)

I will live each day as preparation for eternity! (Matthew 24:45-51)