



Matthew 24:36-44

Matt. 24:3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? **And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?**”

Our text for this evening...

Matt. 24:36 “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.

Matt. 24:37 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Matt. 24:38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,

Matt. 24:39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Matt. 24:40 Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left.

Matt. 24:41 Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left.

Matt. 24:42 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.

Matt. 24:43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.

Matt. 24:44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Observations & Discussion

1. In vs. 36 Jesus said, “*But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.*” What will happen on the “day” that Jesus is referring to?

2. Put Matthew 24:36 together with Mark 13:32 and list all of those who do **not** know the day or hour that the event Jesus is speaking about will come to pass.

3. If Jesus is God, how is it possible that He wouldn’t know the day that this future event will take place?

4. Jesus compares this future event to the time of Noah. So to properly interpret what Jesus is saying we have to compare it with the events of the great flood. Looking at vss. 37-39 answer this question:

At the time of the great flood of Noah **who** was taken away by the flood—the righteous or the wicked?

So if we’re going to be consistent in our interpretation of Jesus’ analogy recorded in vss. 40-41, **who** will be taken at this future event—the righteous or the wicked?

5. Now look at Luke 17:35-37. Notice that Luke records the same analogy that Matthew gives us in our text, but he adds a **question** asked by the disciples, and Jesus’ **answer**. Where will the woman and the man be taken?

6. How does Jesus’ answer relate to Revelation 19:17-21?

7. How does Jesus want people to respond to the instruction He gives in Matthew 24:36-44?