

BE A BRINGER

"40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus...." John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

"Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;...." I Samuel 12:23a



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Disciples Ask: What Are The Signs Of The End?

Matthew 24:3 captures a crucial moment in the ministry of Jesus, where He is sitting on the Mount of Olives. In this setting, the disciples approach Him with two essential questions. They ask about the timing of the events connected to the destruction of the temple and the signs of His coming and the end of the age. The disciples are seeking clarity in a world that often appears confusing and chaotic. This reflects a desire that many of us have—to understand the future and the signs that might indicate significant events.


To fully grasp the significance of this verse, it is important for us to consider both the context and what Jesus responds with in subsequent verses. The disciples are understandably concerned, as Jesus had just prophesied the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem. This temple was the center of their worship and identity as a people. To the disciples, the temple's destruction likely seemed unimaginable and could signify a catastrophic end.

The disciples are asking practical questions: When will these things happen? What signs will indicate that these events are upon us? Their questions underline an innate human tendency; we want predictions and signs to help us navigate the future. As believers today, it's natural for us to wonder about the end times and to seek guidance on how to prepare spiritually. Jesus' response to the disciples helps to inform us about not only the nature of prophetic signs but also the importance of maintaining faith through uncertain times.

In this section of Matthew 24, Jesus begins to explain the signs of the times, which includes false prophets, wars, and natural disasters. Yet, He emphasizes, "See that no one leads you astray" (Matthew 24:4). This statement underscores the importance of discernment as we seek answers. For each of us, navigating our own spiritual journey involves recognizing the signs of the times while also being rooted in the truth of God's word.


Through our reflection on this text, it's clear that God desires His people to live in a state of preparedness and vigilance. Like the disciples, we are called to understand the signs around us while affirming that God's ultimate plan will prevail. Trusting in His sovereignty, even when we are unsure, is a beautiful expression of faith.

Resource: Explainingthebible.com



MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

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PRAISE

- Praise God for Dr. Morgan's son, Zach, having a successful kidney transplant. The entire process was a true act of God, with a donor coming forward and funds raised for the process.

PRAY

- Pray for Dr. Morgan's as he cares for his youngest son, who recently had a kidney transplant. The kidney is functioning and he is doing well.

- Pray for the upcoming family camp in August.

KEY VERSE

Matthew 24:3 (NKJV)

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 the end of the age?"

Read Matthew 24:3-13 Every Day

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Matthew 24:3

Introduction

1. In Matthew 24:3, Jesus' disciples came to Him saying: *"Tell us, when will these things be?"* What information were they seeking from him?
2. According to paragraph 5 on pg. 1 What does God call us to live in "a state of?" What are we called to have a full *understanding* of?

Tuesday: Matthew 23:1-39

The Temple's Destruction

3. In Matthew 23:1-5 Jesus speaks to the multitudes and His disciples about *the Pharisees*. What does He tell the people regarding *"their works?"*
4. What does Jesus speak of regarding Jerusalem in Matthew 23:37-39? What was His desire for them and what will be their fate?

Wednesday: Matthew 24:4-8, 9-14

Seven Signs Of "The End"

5. What is the first sign of the end of times addressed in Matthew 24:4-5? What does Jesus tell them to *"take heed"* of?
6. What *state* within the nations *"will abound"* and what will *"grow cold"* according to what is told to us in Matthew 24:12?

Thursday: Matthew 24:15-31

The "Great" Tribulation

7. What is The Great Tribulation? What will happen though this time according to what is written in Matthew 24:15-28?
8. Immediately after tribulation *"the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give it's light."* Who will be coming after this happens? (Matt. 24:30)
9. What promises will God be fulfilling through The Great Tribulation for both the *believers* of the nation of Israel and all *non-believers*?

Friday: Rev. 19:11, 15-16, 20:1-5; 1 John 3:1-3; I Peter 2:11

Christ's Second Coming

10. What will happen when Jesus comes down from heaven the second time according to Revelation 19:11-16?
11. What will happen after Jesus has claimed victory over His enemies? What will transpire for the next thousand years? Who will reign in this time?
12. In reviewing 1 John 3:1-3 and I Peter 2:11 what is God's Word calling us to in preparation for Jesus' second coming? Are YOU adhering?