

LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS: BE READY FOR JESUS

Matthew 24:4–13, 36, 44.

Introduction

Church, we prepare for work, weddings, and journeys. But are we preparing to meet Jesus?

In Matthew 24, Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives when His disciples asked about His coming and the end of the age. He warned them about deception, troubles, and love growing cold.

Jesus also said that **no one knows the day or hour of His return**. Our responsibility is to live ready.

Today, let us examine three things.

1. Do not be deceived.

Matthew 24:4–5: Jesus warned His disciples to watch out for deception.

Not every person who speaks in God's name speaks the truth. Not everything we hear online agrees with Scripture.

Read your Bible. Test what you hear. Follow Jesus faithfully.

Question: "Do I know God's Word, or do I simply believe everything I hear?"

Remember: A strong faith needs a strong foundation in God's Word.

2. Do not let your love grow cold.

Matthew 24:12–13: Jesus warned that because wickedness increases, the love of many will grow cold.

We must guard our hearts. Disappointment can weaken our prayer life. Offence can turn into bitterness. Sin can become something we excuse.

Church, keep loving God and loving people. Keep praying. Forgive one another. When you fall, repent and return to Jesus.

Question: "Is my love for Jesus still alive?"

Remember: Do not let the troubles around you put out the love within you.

3. Be ready and remain faithful .

Matthew 24:44: Jesus tells us to be ready because His coming will be unexpected.

Readiness means trusting Christ and living in obedience today.

Do not keep postponing repentance. Make peace where you can. Turn away from hidden sin. Be faithful in your family, your work, and your service to God.

Matthew 24:46: The blessed servant is the one the master finds faithfully doing his work.

Question: “If Jesus returned today, what would He find me doing?”

Remember: Keep praying, keep serving, and keep sharing the gospel.

Conclusion and prayer

Church, Jesus Christ is coming again. His return gives us hope: **we will be with the Lord forever** — 1 Thessalonians 4:17–18.

We do not know when He will return, but we can walk with Him today.

Let us remember:

- **Stand on God’s Word.**
- **Keep your love alive.**
- **Be ready and faithful.**

If you have drifted from Jesus, return to Him today. He calls you to repentance and offers forgiveness.

Prayer:

“Lord Jesus, forgive our sins and awaken our hearts. Protect us from deception. Restore our love for You. Help us live faithfully and be ready for Your return. Amen.”