



TRANSFORMING TRUTH

Trends deceive. Traditions enslave. God's Truth transforms.

The Finisher

From the Series,
"What Is God Like?"

Matthew 24:3-14

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1. The Curious Question We All Want Answered (3)

"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 close of the age?'"

2. The Visible Signs We Cannot Ignore (4-12)

- a. False christs (4-5) - "And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray."
- b. International conflict (6-8) - "And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are but the beginning of the birth pains."
- c. Increasing persecution (9) - "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake."
- d. Abandoning of the faith (10-11) - "And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. 11 And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray."
- e. Hardening of hearts (12) - "And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold."

3. The Unavoidable Victory For Those Who Overcome (13-14)

- a. The characteristic of the victorious (13) - "But the one who endures to the end will be saved."
- b. The care for the lost (14) - "And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."

4. The Abounding Chaos Before The Glorious Event (21-27)

- a. Unparalleled upheaval (21-22) - "For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. 22 And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short."
- b. Satanic deception (23-26) - "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it. 24 For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. 25 See, I have told you beforehand. 26 So, if they say to you, 'Look, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look, he is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it."
- c. Unquestionable climax (27) - "For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man."