

Wake Up, Stand Up, Look Up Sermon Notes

Signs of the Last Days (Matthew 24 & Luke 21)

- **Deception:** Many will come claiming to be Christ and deceive many.
 - **Conflict:** Wars, rumors of wars, nations against nations.
 - **Natural Disasters:** Famines and earthquakes in various places.
 - **Persecution:** Believers will be hated, betrayed, and even killed for their faith.
 - **Spiritual Apostasy:** Many will abandon their faith, wickedness will increase.
 - **False Prophets:** Leading many astray.
 - **The Gospel Preached:** The good news will reach all nations before the end comes.
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Instructions for Believers

1. Wake Up – Be Spiritually Alert

- Matthew 24:42 – “Keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.”
- Romans 13:11 – “The hour has come for you to wake from sleep.”
- Beware of distractions—the enemy wants believers lulled into spiritual sleep.
- Practical call: Stay in prayer, hunger for the Word, sharpen discernment.

2. Stand Up – Be Bold in Your Faith

- Luke 21:19 – “Stand firm...”
- Ephesians 6:13–14 – “Put on the full armor of God... Stand firm then.”
- Don’t retreat in fear; stand up in truth, love, and righteousness.
- Faith must be visible in this hour—choose Christ above politics and culture wars.

3. Look Up – Live with Eternal Hope

- Luke 21:28 – “When these things begin to happen, stand and look up, because your redemption is drawing near.”
- Fix your focus on Christ, not headlines.
- Looking up replaces fear with hope and despair with confidence in God’s promises.
- The church’s cry must be: “The Lord is coming—get ready!”

Key Takeaway

This is not a time for fear, but for readiness. The world is shaking, but God's Word is unshakable. The church must:

- **Wake up** – Stay alert and discerning.
- **Stand up** – Live boldly for Christ in truth and love.
- **Look up** – Fix our eyes on Jesus, our soon-coming King.