

# WHAT ABOUT THE SECOND COMING?

## What Did Jesus Mean? – Part 4

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**Matthew 24:1-2 (NIV)** “Jesus left the **temple** and was walking away when His **disciples** came up to Him to **call His attention to its buildings**.<sup>2</sup> ‘Do you see all these things?’ He asked. ‘I tell you the truth, **not one stone here will be left on another**; every one will be thrown down.’ ”

### STEPS TO SECOND COMING TRUTH...

#### 1. REMEMBER TO ASK \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ !

**Matthew 24:3 (NIV)** “As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately. ‘Tell us,’ they said, ‘**when will this happen, and what will be the sign** of Your coming and of the end of the age?’ ”

#### 2. PAY ATTENTION TO THE \_\_\_\_\_ !

- Watch out for \_\_\_\_\_ messiahs.

**Matthew 24:4-5 (NIV)** “Jesus answered: ‘**Watch out that no one deceives you**.<sup>5</sup> For many will come in My name, claiming, ‘I am the Christ,’ and **will deceive many**.’ ”

- Watch out for \_\_\_\_\_ and natural \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 24:6-8 (NIV)** “You will **hear of wars and rumors of wars**, but see to it that you are **not alarmed**. Such things must happen, but the **end is still to come**.<sup>7</sup> Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places.<sup>8</sup> All these are the **beginning of birth pains**.”

- Watch out for \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 24:9-13 (NIV)** “Then you will be handed over to be **persecuted and put to death**, and you will be **hated by all nations because of Me**.<sup>10</sup> At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other,<sup>11</sup> and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people.<sup>12</sup> Because of the increase of wickedness, **the love of most will grow cold**,<sup>13</sup> but **he who stands firm to the end will be saved**.”

#### 3. BEWARE OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ !

**Matthew 24:15 (NIV)** “So when you see **standing in the holy place ‘the abomination that causes desolation,’** spoken of through the prophet Daniel--let the reader understand...”

**Daniel 11:31 (NIV)** “His armed forces will rise up to **desecrate the temple** fortress and will abolish the daily sacrifice. Then they will **set up the abomination that causes desolation.**”

**Matthew 24:16-22 (NIV)** “...Then **let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.** <sup>17</sup> Let no one on the roof of his house go down to take anything out of the house. <sup>18</sup> Let no one in the field go back to get his cloak. <sup>19</sup> How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! <sup>20</sup> Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath. <sup>21</sup> For then **there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now--and never to be equaled again.** <sup>22</sup> If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but **for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.**”

**Matthew 24:28 (NIV)** “Wherever there is a **carcass, there the vultures will gather.**”

**Luke 21:24 (NIV)** “They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles **until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.**”

#### **4. DON'T MISS THE \_\_\_\_\_!**

**Matthew 24:29-31 (NIV)** “Immediately after the distress of those days **‘the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’** <sup>30</sup> At that time **the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.** <sup>31</sup> And **He will send His angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather His elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.**”

**Matthew 24:33-34 (NIV)** “Even so, **when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door.** <sup>34</sup> I tell you the truth, **this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.**”

**Matthew 24:36 (NIV)** “No one knows about that day or hour, not even the **angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.**”