

Stay True & Ready

Matt 24

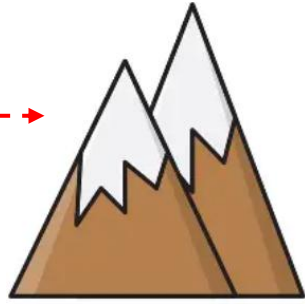


Structural Outline of **Matthew** - 5 Major Teaching Blocks (Discourses)

Matt 5-7	The kingdom of the Messiah: Its character	(Sermon on the Mount)
Matt 10	The kingdom of the Messiah: Its mission & messengers	(Mission Discourse)
Matt 13	The kingdom of the Messiah: Its reach & expansion	(Parable Discourse)
Matt 18	The kingdom of the Messiah: Its implications (Living with one another)	(Discourse on the Church)
Matt 24-25	The kingdom of the Messiah: Waiting & getting ready for the end times	(Olivet Discourse)

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would be destroyed
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(24:1-3)

- 24:1 Jesus left the temple & was going away,
when his disciples came to point out
to him the buildings of the **temple**.
- 2 But he answered them, "You see all these,
do you not? Truly, I say to you, there
will **not be left here one stone upon
another** that will not be thrown down."
- 3 As he sat on the Mount of Olives,
the disciples came to him privately,
saying,
"Tell us, **when will these things be,**
& **what will be the sign of your
coming & of the end of the age?**"



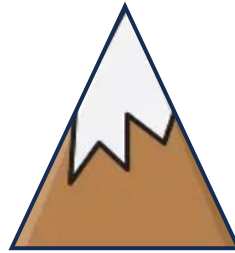
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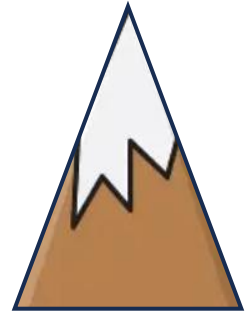
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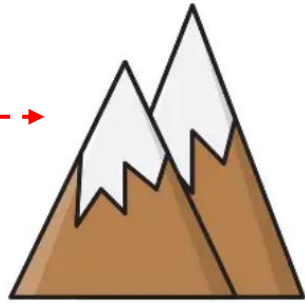
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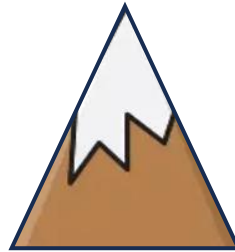


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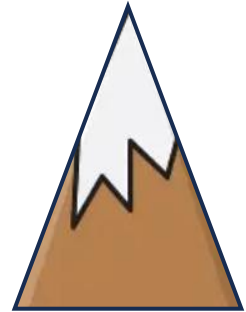


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Main Idea:

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4 And Jesus answered them,

See that no one leads you astray.

5 For many will come in my name,
saying, 'I am the Christ,' & they will lead many astray.

6 And you will hear of **wars & 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, & kingdom against kingdom,
& there will be **famines & earthquakes** in various places.

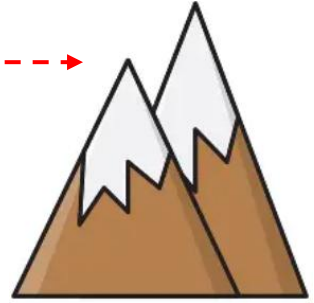
8 **All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.**

9 Then they will deliver you up to **tribulation &** put you to **death**,
& you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake.

10 And then **many will fall away** & betray one another & hate one another.

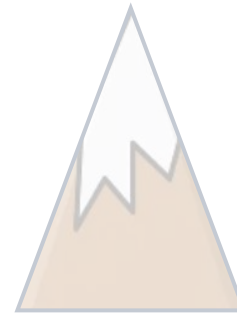
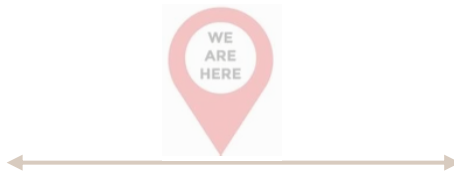
11 And **many false prophets will arise & lead many astray.**

12 And because lawlessness will be increased, **the love of many will grow cold.**



- 15 So when you see the **abomination of desolation** spoken of by the prophet
Daniel, **standing in the holy place** (let the reader understand),
16 then **let those who are in Judea flee** to the mountains.
17 Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house,
18 & let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak.
19 And alas for women who are pregnant & for those who are nursing infants
in those days!
20 Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath.

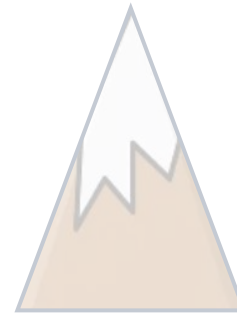
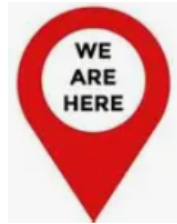
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- 21 For then **there will be great tribulation**, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, & never will be.
- 22 And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.
- 23 Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it.
- 24 For **false christs & false prophets will arise** & perform great signs & wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.

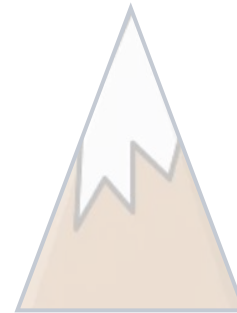
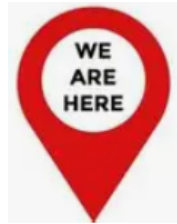
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- 25 See, I have told you beforehand.
- 26 So, if they say to you, 'Look, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out.
If they say, 'Look, he is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it.
- 27 **For as the lightning comes from the east & shines as far as the west,
so will be the coming of the Son of Man.**
- 28 **Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.**

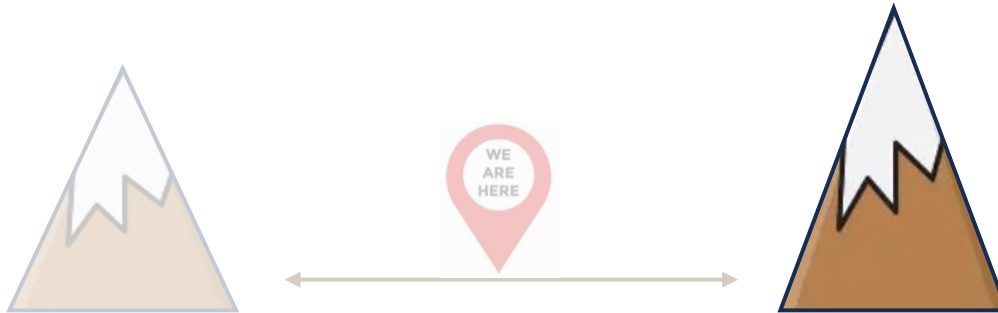
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- 29 Immediately **after the tribulation of those days**
the **sun** will be **darkened**, & the **moon** will not give its light,
& the **stars** will **fall** from heaven, & the **powers** of the heavens will be **shaken**.
- 30 **Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man,**
& then all the tribes of the **earth** will **mourn**, & **they will see the Son of Man**
coming on the clouds of heaven with power & great glory.
- 31 And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, & they will gather
his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

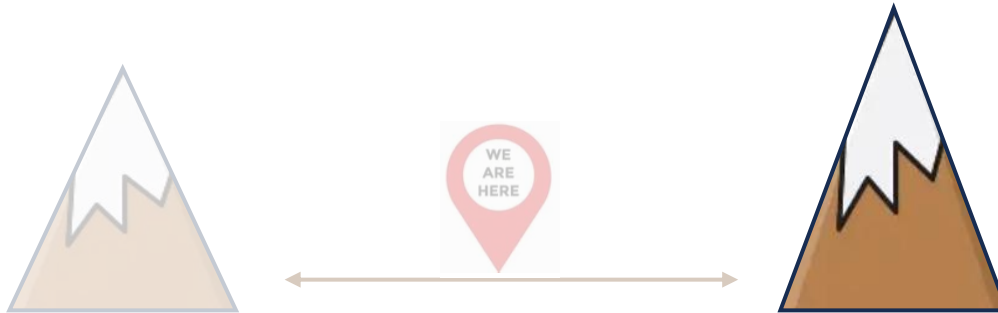
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- 32 From the **fig tree** learn its lesson:
as soon as its **branch** becomes **tender** & puts out its **leaves**,
you know that summer is near.
- 33 So also, when you see all these things,
you know that he is near, at the very gates.
- 34 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away
until all these things take place.
- 35 Heaven & earth will pass away, but **my words will not pass away.**

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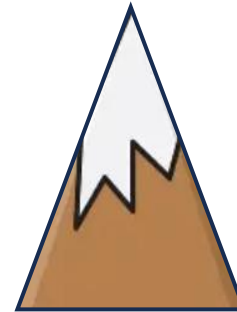
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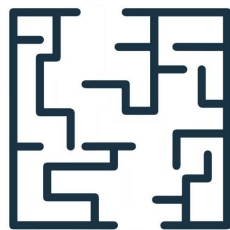
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Stay true



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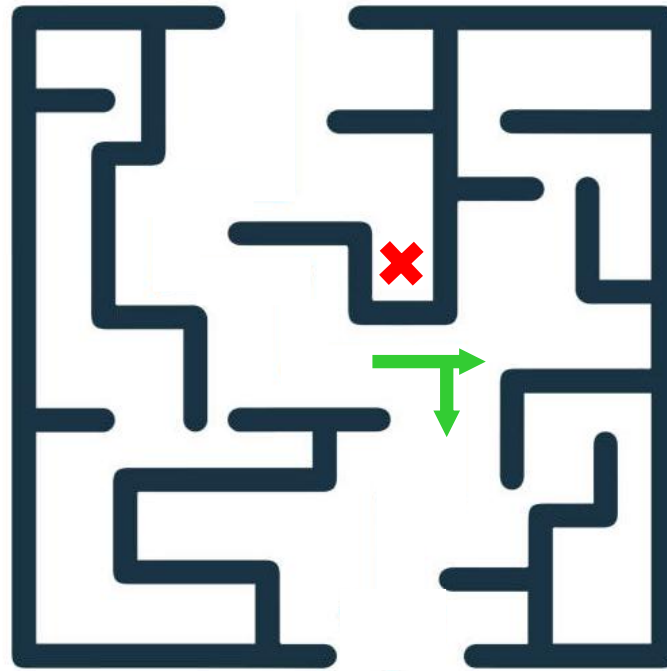


- . Concerns - When & how things
happen vs. how we respond
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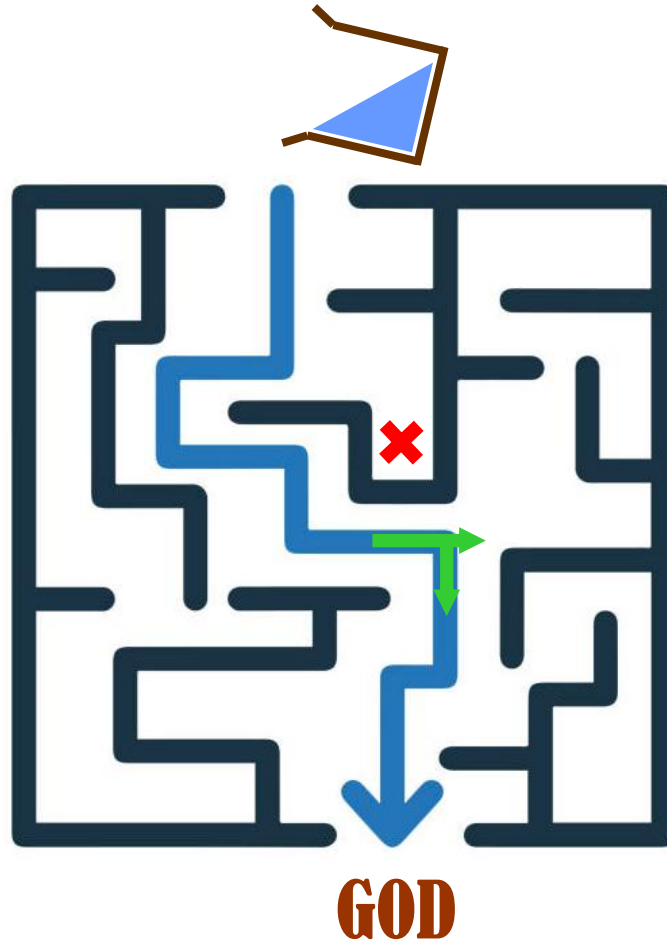
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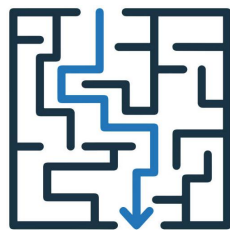
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36 But concerning that day & hour **no one knows**,
not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.

37 For **as were the days of Noah,**
so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

38 For as in those days before the flood
they were eating & drinking, marrying & giving in marriage,
until the day when Noah entered the ark,

39 & they were unaware until the flood came & swept them all away,
so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

- 40 Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken & one left.
- 41 Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken & one left.
- 42 Therefore, **stay awake,**
for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.
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Matt 25

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**. The Call to
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**Parable of
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servants, we must
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25:14-30

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25:31-46

**. The Final
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47 Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions.
48 But if that wicked servant says to himself, '**My master is delayed**,'
49 & begins to **beat his fellow servants**
& **eats & drinks with drunkards**,
50 the master of that servant will come on a day
when he does not expect him & at an hour he does not know
51 & will cut him in pieces & put him with the hypocrites.
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. Faithful

Doing all that Jesus has entrusted

. Wise

**Maximizing all the
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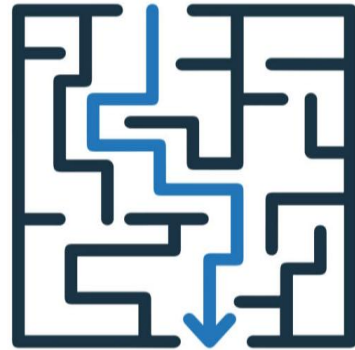
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GOD

**Christ's coming &
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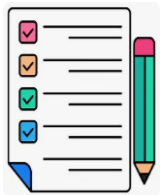
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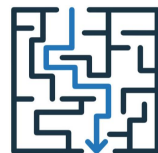


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