



The Second Coming of Christ

Jesus promised that he would come again.
John 14:1-4, 27-28

We do not know when it will be.
Mark 13:32-37, I Thessalonians 5:1-6

Every eye will see him.
Revelation 1:7

All will be raised to a resurrection of life or
resurrection of condemnation. John 5:29

The earth and its works will be burnt up.
I Peter 3:9-10

If we have hidden ourselves in him we will be revealed
with Him. Colossians 3:4

The world will be judged.
Acts 17:31, Revelation 20:11-15,
Matthew 25:31-33



A Study of Matthew

Matthew 24:1-51

Lesson 22

Assignment for next Week — Read Matthew 25:1-46

Memory Verse — Matthew 24:36-37

At the beginning of Matthew the 24th chapter Jesus disciples asked Him the following questions; when will the temple be destroyed, and what will be the sign of your coming and the end of the world. Throughout the rest of the 24th chapter Jesus answers their questions and it is important to remember that Jesus is answering a couple of different questions so we need to look for the transitions in the passage.

As Jesus described the destruction of the temple, which would occur with the destruction of Jerusalem, Jesus mentioned that there would be wars and rumors of wars, famines and earthquakes. Jesus also mentioned that there would be persecutions, false prophets, and that the gospel would be preached throughout the whole world. Jesus then mentioned the desolation spoken of by Daniel and told them that when they saw those things they should then take heed and flee Judea. History shows the occurrence of these events and demonstrates that Christ's prophecy was true.

Christ also told his disciples that others would say that He was in the desert or in some other place on the earth, but he told his disciples they should not believe them for when He came He would come like the lightning comes out of the east and shine to the west – describing that His coming would not be some hidden thing. We too need to take heed to that statement so that we are not led astray as some who did not heed Christ's words then. Some have even said in our day and in recent years that

Christ had returned to the earth appearing only to a select few; however, Christ's own words teach us that when he comes we will see him.

After Christ had described the destruction of the temple and Jerusalem, He then taught his disciples that no one knows the day and hour of

His return – not even the angels in Heaven, but only the Father. Jesus then compared his return to the flood in Noah's days. Things would be going along like usual – people marrying and being given in marriage, eating, and drinking – and the Lord would come. Jesus then warned them to keep faithful. The Lord mentioned that if one knew the time that a thief was coming to their house they would be ready; however, since they would not know they should be prepared at any hour for his return.

Christ then mentions that if a master returns and finds his slave doing well that he will reward him, but if he returns and finds him doing evil, he will severely punish him. Let us live as those who are always ready for our Lord's return. Let us always do his will and work the works he would have us to do. May we be those who are obedient at all times to our loving Father and Master. Our prayer and desire should be that we will be found doing the Lord's work when he comes and that we serve him day by day.

Match the Scriptures with the Incident

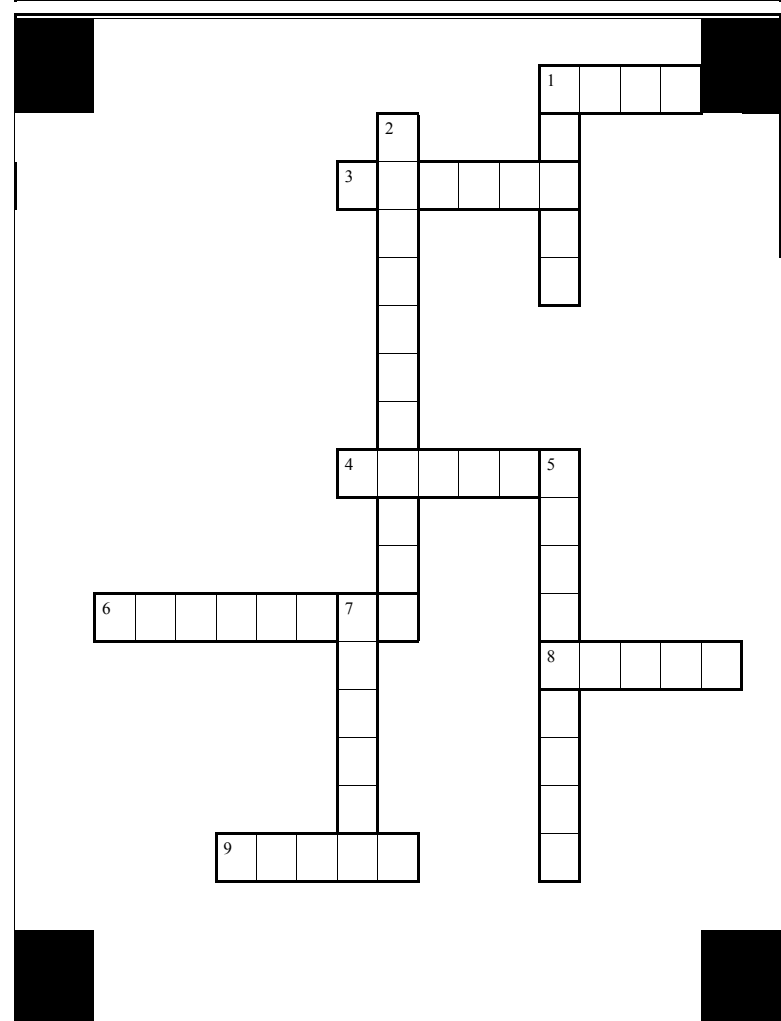
Matthew 24

- a.24:1-2 b.24:3 c.24:4-5 d.24:9
- e.24:15-16 f.24:23-26 g.24:27 h.24:36
- i.24:43-44 j.24:45-51

_____ 1. Jesus taught that as a householder must always be on guard for the thief — we too should keep ready for His return.

_____ 2. Jesus said that his return would be like the lightning coming from the east and shining to the west.

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CROSS to fill in the Puzzle.
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Cross Word Fun for Learning

Across

1. Jesus told his disciples that before the destruction of the temple that there would be these and rumors of these?(24:6)
3. Jesus said that only the _____ knows when the end will be.(24:36)
4. Jesus told his disciples that when they saw the abomination of desolation spoken of by this prophet, they should flee to the mountains.(24:15)
6. Jesus told his disciples that many false ones of these would arise?(24:11)
8. Jesus told his disciples they should keep watch because he would come when they would not expect it. He said that if a person knew when one of these was going to come they would be ready.(24:43)
9. Jesus told those living here that they should flee into the mountains when they saw the abomination of desolation.(24:16)

Down

1. The disciples wanted to know when the end of this would come.(24:3)
2. Jesus told his disciples that there would be some of these shaky things before the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple. (24:7)
5. Jesus said his return would be like this which comes out of the west and shines to the east.(24:27)
7. Jesus disciples pointed out to Him the buildings of the _____.(24:1)

Lesson 21 - Across - 3.Synagogues, 4.Rabbi, 5. Blind, 6. Jerusalem, 8. Camel, 10. House - Down - 1. Finger, 2. Hypocrites, 7. Exalts, 9. Moses

_____ 3. Jesus said that many would come in his name saying that they were the Christ, but we should not be deceived.

_____ 4. Jesus disciples came to him and pointed out the buildings of the temple and Jesus told them that none of them would be left with one stone upon another.

_____ 5. Jesus taught that only the Father knows when the end will be.

_____ 6. Jesus warned that many would say that Christ had returned and that he was at one place or another on earth, but they should not believe them.

_____ 7. Jesus warned His disciples that when they saw the desolation written about by Daniel, they should flee Judea and escape to the mountains.

_____ 8. Jesus told his disciples that before the temple was destroyed there would be a great persecution and they would be hated by all nations.

_____ 9. After Jesus told his disciples that the temple buildings would be destroyed they asked when it would happen and what was the sign of his coming and the end of the world.

_____ 10. Jesus taught that the master would reward his slave if he returned and found him doing good, but he would punish him severely if he returned and found him doing evil.

Questions

1. What questions did Jesus disciples ask Him at the beginning of the 24th chapter?
2. What did Jesus say would occur before the destruction of the temple?
3. When did Jesus say the end of the world would come?
4. When Jesus comes again will we see him?

5. Is Christ going to appear to a select few before the end?
6. If someone tells you they are Christ should you believe them?
7. What lesson can we learn about the householder and the expectation of a thief?
8. What can we learn from the lesson of the slave whom the master had left in-charge?

Review

Fill in the Memory Verses

1. (Mat 15:8-9) This people draweth nigh unto me with their _____, and honoureth me with their _____; but their _____ is far from me. But in vain they do _____ me, _____ for doctrines the commandments of _____.
2. (Mat 16:15-16) He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the _____, the _____ of the living _____.
3. (Mat 18:3-4) And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be _____, and become as little _____, ye shall not enter into the _____ of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall _____ himself as this little child, the same is _____ in the kingdom of heaven.
4. (Mat 20:26-27) But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be _____ among you, let him be your _____; And whosoever will be _____ among you, let him be your _____.
5. (Mat 22:37-40) Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt _____ the Lord thy _____ with all thy _____, and with all thy _____, and with all thy _____. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt _____ thy _____ as _____.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.