

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**  
**MATTHEW 24:36-44**  
**JANUARY 13, 2021**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. What would you do if you knew that this was the last week of your life?
2. From Matthew 21, we are reading about the last week of Jesus' life. What did Jesus do during His last week? There was only one thing on His mind. Salvation! (cf. Matt. 23.37)
3. Jesus wanted His people to be saved from three things.
  - a) He wanted His people saved from the influence of the Pharisees. (Matt. 23.15,16)
  - b) He wanted His people to be saved from the destruction of Jerusalem. (Matt. 24.22,25)
  - c) He wanted His people to be saved eternal condemnation. (Matthew 25.36-44, Read)

**I. THREE FACTS ABOUT THE DAY OF JUDGMENT**

- A. The day of Judgment is unknown.
  1. **MATTHEW 24.36:** *"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only."*
    - a) Knows (eido): Having complete knowledge. Perfect tense indicating something that was in the past and remains in effect today.
    - b) *"but My Father only."* How can we know what God knows? (1 Cor. 2.10-12)
  2. A number of scholars have made predictions of the end of time.
- B. The day of Judgment is future.
  1. **MATTHEW 24.37:** *"so also will the coming of the Son of Man be."*
  2. Jesus tells us of a day that will come, not a day that had already come.
  3. Where are those who have stepped into eternity? Already in heaven?
    - a) If so, the Judgment day has already occurred. (Matt. 25.31-34)
    - b) Those who have died are in Hades. (Luke 19.22,23; Luke 23.43)
- C. The day of Judgment is certain.
  1. **MATTHEW 24.39-44:** *"the Son of Man is coming."*
  2. The language of Jesus suggests something that "will" take place. Not "if."
  3. The day of judgment is a day that has already been determined. (Acts 17.31)

**II. ARE YOU READY?**

- A. There is an illustration.
  1. **MATTHEW 24.37:** *"But as the days of Noah were..."*
  2. **MATTHEW 24.38:** *"they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark." They were living their lives.*
  3. **MATTHEW 24.39:** *"and did not know until the flood came and took them all away"*
    - a) Know (ginosko): Did not accumulate knowledge and learn over time.
    - b) It was not for lack of warning. (2 Pet. 2.5; 1 Pet. 3.20; Gen. 6.3)
    - c) **MATTHEW 24.39:** *"so also will the coming of the Son of Man be."*
- B. There is an instruction.
  1. **MATTHEW 24.40,41:** *"one will be taken, and the other left."* (1 Thess. 4.16,17)
  2. **MATTHEW 24.42,43:** *"Watch therefore..."*
    - a) Watch (gregoreuo): Literally, be awake and attentive. (agrupneo; Mark 13.35)
    - b) **MARK 13.33:** *"Take heed, watch and pray"* (cf. 1 Thess. 5.6)
  3. **MATTHEW 24.44:** *"Therefore, you also be ready."*