

Don't Be Led Astray

Matthew 24:5-14 (Prophecies of Jesus)

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3 Points of Clarification

- 1) Matthew 24 uses Greek *Parousia* [coming] concerned with Jesus coming to be present with us again
Other Scriptures use Greek *Apokalypsis* [coming] – “to disclose or bring to light”
 - 2) We haven't answered “What will be the sign?” yet.
Eschatology – the study of things to come; doctrine of the ‘last things’
 - 3) Why did God give us these prophetic writings?
 - i. Encouragement/ edification of the church
 - ii. Evangelism/ to win the lost
 - iii. Jesus said so that no one leads you astray. (v. 4)
- Matthew 24:5-14 must be read in light of v. 4
 - Don't be led astray when you see these things:
 1. Many false _____ lead many astray (v. 5)
 2. Hear of wars and rumors of wars, famines, earthquakes all over (v. 6-8)
 3. Tribulation, death, _____ by the nations for Christ's name (v. 9)
 4. Many will _____, betray, and hate each other (v. 10)
 5. Many false _____ lead many astray (v. 11)
 6. _____ increases. _____ of many grows cold. (v. 12)

- These are not to be taken as signs of Jesus' _____ return!
 - Note all the “manys”
 - “the end is _____” (v. 6)
 - “these are _____...” (v. 7)
 - So what *is* it? Jesus does not want you to be led astray. Rather...
 1. You must _____ all the way to the end! (v. 13)
 2. You must _____ the Gospel of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ! (v. 14)
 - 1) Why neglect those who have not heard at all for the sake of those who have rejected it?
 - 2) Who else will proclaim the gospel where it has yet to be heard?
- So what *will* be the sign? Jesus answers the question later in Matthew.
 - The fact of Christ’s return “demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission.” – (*VBC statement of faith #9b*)
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 6. **Lawlessness** increases. **Love** of many grows cold. (v. 12)
 - These are **not** to be taken as signs of Jesus' **impending** return!
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