

Eschatology and the Great Commission

Matthew 26-28 (Jesus Leaves)

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- Jesus' arrest
- Disciples flee
- Peter follows but denies
- Disciples absent and unmentioned
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2) Be _____ in service to the Master

3) Be _____ to those duties without wavering or giving up

✓ Instructions from _____ Master

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- ✓ Instructions from the Olivet Discourse
 - 1) Be **ready**
 - 2) Be **engaged** in service to the Master
 - 3) Be **faithful** to those duties without wavering or giving up
- ✓ Instructions from **our** Master
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