

Series Title:

“The Kingdom Of Heaven Is At Hand”
(A Study of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ)

Sermon Title:

“The Signs Of The Second Coming”
(Part 1)

Sermon Text:

Matthew 24:4-14

Introduction:

- What is the single most important thing that we don't know about Christ's second coming? *(Matthew 24:36)*
- *How is it possible that Jesus Christ could be God and either didn't know something, or couldn't know something?* *(Philippians 2:5-8; Matthew 28:18 Acts 1:7)*

I. We Do Know That Jesus Will Come Back Exactly As Scheduled

- *Matthew 24:36c; Psalm 102:13; Acts 17:31*

“The Bible clearly states that a specific date has been set for Christ's Second Coming, and that date has been determined by God Himself!”

- *Galatians 4:4*
- The phrase *“the fullness of the time,”* means *or* implies at least 2 things: *1)* it means *“when everything and everyone is ready and in place,”* *2)* *“when the Heavenly Father is good and ready.”*

“The nearness of Christ's return should be exhilarating for those who know the Lord and terrifying for those don't!”

- Only those who have taken the time and have made the effort to prepare themselves for this great moment of destiny will be ready and will receive his gracious mercy!
- *Psalm 34:8*
- *Christ is coming, of that there is absolutely no doubt!* But the issue remains as to whether you will be pleased to see Him and whether He will be pleased to see you!

II. Jesus Will Come Back At A Time Of Unprecedented Moral Depravity And Spiritual Deadness!

- *Matthew 24:37-44; Luke 17:26-30*
- **There were two conditions that existed during the days of Noah and Lot:**

1) ***Moral depravity*** (Genesis 6:5 - *pre-flood*; Genesis 19:1-29 - *post flood*)

2) ***Wholesale apathy***

“While completely surrounded by gross immorality and utter wickedness, the people of that day simply lived their lives as if nothing was wrong!”

- *II Timothy 3:1-5; Luke 18:8*
- Putting it all together, underlying everything that we have seen is the reality that when Jesus comes back it will be **completely unexpected!**
- *Luke 12:40, 46; I Thessalonians 5:1*

III. Jesus Will Return When The Signs of His Coming Are There For All To See!

- *Matthew 24:4-14*

As we study these verses there are several things that we need to keep in mind:

- *These “signs” will be present in every generation*
- *The tempo and intensity of these events will increase as we approach the last days*
- *Since history is truly His Story, let’s keep our eyes focused on Jesus because he may come sooner than we think!*

Conclusion:

When is Jesus coming? Look around you, it could be today!