

**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 2)*

**Sermon Text:**

Matthew 24:4-14

**Introduction:**

- *In light of everything that we’ve already covered, what else do we know about the Second Coming of Christ? We do know that....*

I. Jesus Will Come Back Exactly As Scheduled *(Matthew 24:36c; Acts 17:31)*

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 primary conditions that existed during the days of Noah & Lot:**

1) **Extreme immorality** *(Genesis 6:5-7 - 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 – What are the implications of the Lord’s words?*

- 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* - Paul compares the unexpectedness of Christ’s return to a **thief**.

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

- *Matthew 24:4-14*

**The Oliver Discourse Can Be Divided Into Three Main Parts:**

**Part 1** - Contains a general, chronological **description** of the **conditions** that will precede Christ's return. (*Matthew 24:4-31*)

*The signs of the Second Coming are God's 'holy heads-up' that His Son is about to return and judgment is about to fall!*

**Part 2** - Contains practical lessons about **watching**, **waiting**, and **being prepared** for Christ's return. (*Matthew 24:36-25:30*)

**Part 3** - Contains a warning of **judgment** and a promise of **reward** at the time of Christ's return. (*Matthew 25:31-46*)

- As we study these verses together there are three things that we need to keep in mind:
  - These "signs" will be present in every generation.
  - The tempo and intensity of these conditions will increase as we approach the Lord's return.
  - Since history is truly His Story, let's keep our eyes focused on Jesus because he may come sooner than we think!
- Why did Jesus say that these things "**must take place**"? (v 6)

**Conclusion:**

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