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Week 36

## **Bring Back the King** Matthew 24

### **Marks of the last days**

1. False Christs (1 John 2:18-19, 2 Peter 2:1)
2. Wars and rumors of wars
3. Nation against nation, kingdom against kingdom
4. Famines and earthquakes

*These are the birth pains!*

5. Persecution (John 16:1-4)
6. Betrayal and deceit
7. Love will grow cold (2 Timothy 3:1-9)
8. Some will stand firm to the end (Matthew 10:22, Ephesians 6:13-18, 1 Corinthians 15:58, 1 Peter 5:9)

### **The gospel of the kingdom**

1. Preached in the whole world (Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:7-8)
2. A testimony to all people groups
3. Then the end will come

### **So what do we do?**

1. Keep your eye on the holy place
2. Prepare for hardship
3. Be careful of false gospels (1 Timothy 4:16)
4. Get ready for a huge entrance (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
5. Though no one knows the day, be watchful (Luke 12:37)
6. Be good servants and stewards (Matthew 25)

**If you believe all of this ...**

**If you don't believe all of this ...**

**Straddling two realities** (John 15:19, 18:36, 1 Corinthians 3:19, 10:3, 1 Timothy 6:7, 1 John 2:15, James 4:4)

2 Corinthians

**The kingdom first, most and best** (Matthew 6:33, Romans 12:2, 3:20, 2 Corinthians 5:16-20)

Philippians

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