

# Apply The Word

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## Message Info

### Title:

Stay Ready

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### Scriptures:

Matthew 24:1–51

**Theme:** Stay ready because the coming King will not ask a “when” question but a “what” question.

**Introduction:** Jesus was beyond compare when it came to getting at the heart of a matter. When people would approach him, he would cut right to the heart of whatever was going on (ex. the rich young ruler in Matthew 19). Getting directly to people’s hearts didn’t end with his resurrection and ascension; he continues it now, and it has a final form in the future. When our Lord returns, he is going to pose an all-important question which, as we should expect from him, gets to the heart of the matter.

The text of Matthew 24 contains three exhortations:

### 1. Do Not Fold (1–14)

- Predictive, scriptural prophecy often has double fulfillment. What Jesus speaks about in Matthew 24 has been/will be fulfilled multiple times.
- The disciples ask Jesus when the Temple will be destroyed, and his response is, “See that no one leads you astray” (Matt. 24:4).
  - In saying “See to it,” Jesus is saying we bear responsibility for being led astray by false teachers.
- Verses 9–14 prophesy about Jesus’s time but also about all of this age.
- Jesus closes out the section by commending the one who endures.

### 2. Do Not Be Distracted (15–35)

- Jesus spends verses 15–35 answering the disciples’ question about when the destruction of the Temple will take place.
  - In his answer, Jesus references Daniel and past history as well as a future abomination, specifically Rome’s conquer over Jerusalem in 70 AD.
- Once again, Jesus warns of false teachers, explaining that there will be no mistaking when the Christ has returned.

### 3. Be Faithful (36–51)

- Jesus explains that no one knows the day and hour of his return.
- He gives four illustrations of the coming of the Son of Man:
  - The days of Noah and the sudden onset of the flood
  - Men and women working in the field, one being taken and another left
  - A thief in the night
  - The faithful and wise servant who goes about the Master’s work
- Jesus, in response to his disciples’ “when” questions, gives them a “what”; “What have you been doing? Have you been stewarding what I have given you?”

### Questions:

1. Where do you see the impact of false teachers today?
2. How can you see to it that “no one leads you astray”?
3. Have you been faithful with what God has given you?