

The King will return—ready or not?

He's coming: what happens while we wait?

Matthew 24:1–14

Introduction: “It’s not the end of the world”

The two questions of the section v3

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Point: The world is in labour. v8

Global unrest v4–8

—pretend messiahs. V5. Cf Acts 5:36, 21:38.

—international conflicts and disasters. V6-7. Cf Acts 11:28, 16:26.

Personal suffering v9–14

—personal (and global) persecution v9. Cf 10:17-22

—deserters v10 & 12. Cf 5:29-30, 13:21, 18:6

—false teaching v11. Cf 7:15.

Application: “Endure to the end” v4, 6, 13.

Questions for discussion and reflection:

- How might Jesus’ words help you endure to the end?
- Why must we clearly distinguish between the labour and the final end?
- How might Jesus’ words help you endure as you both watch global unrest and also as you suffer personally?