

# The King will return—ready or not?

He's coming: what happens while we wait?

Matthew 24:1–14

**Introduction:** Is this the end?

**Question:** “when will these things be and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?” (v3)

**Answer part 1:** We live now in the beginning of the birth pains (vv.4–14)

1. **Expect false christs—don't be led astray (vv.4–5)**

2. **Expect global disruption—don't be alarmed (vv.6–8)**

3. **Expect tribulation—endure (vv.9–14)**

**Conclusion:** the kingdom is coming

## Questions for discussion and further reflection:

- What has particularly struck you from these verses? What do you want to think more about?
- How will understanding our times like this help us live as faithful and fruitful disciples?
- How does knowing what to expect while we wait help us endure?