

# The king will return—ready or not?

He's coming: what will be the signs?

Matthew 24:15–28

**Introduction:** *The age of...*

**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 (v4–14)*

**Answer part 2:** *The end of the temple underlines the coming of Jesus kingdom (v15–28)*

## 1. Unmistakable: The age of Jesus' kingdom has begun (v15–21)

- Fulfilment
- Foretaste
- Re-focus

## 2. Unmissable: The king and his kingdom will come (v22–28)

- Keep going
- Keep focussed
- And the King will come

**Conclusion:** *confidence in the gospel of the kingdom*

### Questions for discussion and reflection:

- What has struck you from Jesus' teaching? What do you want to keep thinking about this week?
- How does Jesus' teaching help us avoid being led astray as we experience and observe disruption and tribulations in the world?
- What difference might it make to have the coming of Jesus kingdom underlined in this way?