

# The king will return—ready or not?

He's coming: what will it be like?

Matthew 24:29–35

**Introduction:** Where was Jesus in the last 2,000 years of labour pains?

**POINT: The NEXT thing to happen... Jesus will end the world**

- **What will happen** v29–31

*Tricky bit: “immediately”? v29*

The world will dissolve v29

cf Isa 13:10, 34:4. See also; Ezekiel 32:7–8, Amon 8:9, Joel 2:10, 30–31, 3:15

Everyone will see Jesus' majesty v30

cf Isa 11:12, 18:3, 27:13, 49:22. Zech 12:10–12. Dan 7:13–14

The elect will be gathered v31

cf Deut 30:4, Isa 27:13, Zech 2:6–11

- **The lesson to learn** v32–35

Know that Jesus is near, at the very gates v33

*Tricky bit: “all these things”? v33 & v34*

**Conclusion:**

**Questions for discussion and reflection:**

- How does knowing how the end will happen help us fix our eyes on Jesus' return?
- Why is it hard to fix our eyes on Jesus' return?
- How might you learn the lesson; that Jesus is near, at the very gates?