

The king will return—ready or not?

He's coming: what will it be like?

Matthew 24:29–35

Introduction: *what will the end be like?*

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 focus of this age is the proclamation of the gospel of the kingdom (v15–28)*

Answer part 3: *And the Son of Man will come imminently (v29–35)*

1. Jesus is coming—it will be unmissable

2. Jesus is coming—there will be contrasting emotions

3. Jesus is coming—it will be a cataclysmic dismantling

4. Jesus is coming—it's imminent!

Conclusion: *“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.” (v35)*

Questions for discussion and reflection:

- Do you believe that the Son of Man really is near? In what ways might we lose sight of this?
- How does understanding what Jesus' return will be like help us live as devoted disciples today?
- What else has particularly struck you that you would like to think and pray about this week?