



# Worksheet #5

## “Watch Out!”

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End-time Signs

- Revelation 3:11; Revelation 22:7; Revelation 22:12; Revelation 22:20
- The Last, Repeated Promise of Jesus: “I am coming \_\_\_\_\_.”

### Watch Out!

**2 Peter 3:3, 4** ...scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.”

**Matthew 24:42-44** *Watch* therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have *watched* and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

**Revelation 16:15** “Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who *watches*, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.”

**1 Thessalonians 5:2-6** For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us *watch* and be sober.

- We’re watching not for the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ’s return, but for the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ’s return.

### Two Questions: One Answer

**Matthew 24:1-3** Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. 2 And Jesus said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.” 3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”

- In the minds of the disciples, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ could only happen when Jesus returned at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Though they didn’t \_\_\_\_\_ it, they were asking Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ different \_\_\_\_\_.



## What to Watch

**Matthew 24:32, 33** “Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors!

**Matthew 24:8** All these are the beginning of birth pains. (NIV)



### 1. **Matthew 24:5** False Christs and False Prophets

- False spiritual teachers; people claiming to be Christ Himself, and general religious confusion
- Jim Jones, David Koresh, Marshall Applewhite, Dr. Jose Luis de Jesus Miranda, and a myriad of others...

### 2. **Matthew 24:6** Wars and Rumors of War

- The twentieth century was the bloodiest in history with 160 million war deaths;
- The twenty-first century continues the trajectory with more than half a million war deaths so far.

### 3. **Matthew 24:7** Famines

- U.N. estimates: 1/6 of earth experiencing famine; 50,000-60,000 starve daily; decreasing agricultural lands
- World population become unsustainable; 780 million lack access to clean water

### 4. **Matthew 24:7** Pestilences (Diseases)

- AIDS epidemic in many developing countries; SARS, bird flu, ebola, west Nile virus, mad cow disease, etc.
- Resurgence and resilience of known diseases, lifestyle diseases are the #1 cause of death (**Phil. 3:19, 20**)

### 5. **Matthew 24:7** Earthquakes in Various Places

- the number of known earthquakes and deadly earthquakes has dramatically increased in the last 100 years
- December 26, 2004 over 300,000 died in one day in a tsunami triggered by an earthquake

### 6. **Luke 21:25, 26** Destructive Weather

- Increasing intensity of hurricanes and tornadoes, heat waves, floods, wild fires, environmental concerns
- **Romans 8:22** For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

### 7. **Matthew 24:12** Increasingly Violent in Society

- Violent media (music, television, cinema, video games, etc.), murder, rape, kidnapping, animal cruelty
- Human trafficking: “there are more slaves than at any time in human history -- 27 million.”

### 8. **2 Timothy 3:1-5** Erosion of Family Values

- U.S. Divorce rate over 50%; Increasingly accepted homosexual agenda
- Abortion: 40+ million/year globally (125,000/day), nearly 1/4 of U.S. pregnancies aborted

### 9. **2 Timothy 3:1-5** Pleasure-Driven Society

- alcoholism, drug abuse, media saturation (music, television, movies, internet), consumer debt, obesity, gambling, sports addiction, pornography, etc.

### 10. **Matthew 24:14** Gospel To All The World

- And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

**Luke 21:28** Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.”