

Listen carefully to the Bible reading
from Matthew 24 verses 3 to 35

Who is Jesus talking to in these verses? (Clue: see verse 3)

Where are they? On the M_____ of O_____

They ask Jesus "when will these things be...?"

Look back at verses 1 and 2 and answer the questions below.

1. What had they been talking about?

The T_____

2. What was going to happen to it?

Can you imagine being there with the disciples and Jesus telling you that these things would happen? They must have been amazed!

So they ask Jesus two questions:

1. When will this happen?	Jesus will answer this question in our passage this week (Matthew 24v3-35)
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2. What will be the sign of when Jesus comes back again?	Jesus will answer this question in the following verses which we'll look at next time
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So let's see what Jesus says about the first question - when will these things happen?

Find Matthew 24 verse 34.

Who does Jesus say will still be alive when these things happen? _____

So Jesus is telling his disciples about things that will happen **while some of them are still alive**. Let's see what those things were.

1 Some people will pretend to be Jesus!

Read verse 5

Many will come and say they are the _____

Read verse 23 and verse 27. Put a ✓ or a ✗ in the for each of these sentences to show if they are right or wrong.

When Jesus comes again, he will come like a normal man and nothing strange will happen

If our friend comes along one day and says:
"Jesus is back - I saw him!"
it really could be Jesus

When Jesus comes again, we won't need to tell anyone because everyone will know

Did you know?

This really happened! And some Christians actually believed them. Jesus kindly warned his disciples: **don't be led astray!**

2 There will be wars

How do you think the Christians would feel if lots of fighting started near where they lived?

Did you know? This really happened! There was a lot of fighting at that time in the Roman Empire. Jesus kindly warned his disciples: **don't worry!**

3 There will be natural disasters

Look at the last bit of verse 7. What disasters were coming?

f_____ and e_____

Did you know? This really happened! The ancient historian Josephus wrote about a terrible famine in Jerusalem in AD 45-46 when many died.

Jesus warned his disciples not to think this was the end. It was just the

b_____ (verse 8)

4 There will be terrible times for Christians

Did you know? This really happened. The book of Acts tells us about Christians being put in prison and even killed for following Jesus. The disciples were warned: **keep following Jesus!**

5 The good news will be preached

Look at verse 14.

Who will be told the good news? _____

Did you know?

This really happened! In Paul's letter to the Colossians (chapter 1 verse 6) he says in the **whole world** the good news is bearing fruit.

Remember - Jesus was answering his d_____ 's

question: When would the T_____ be destroyed?

Jesus told them it would happen when all these things had taken place.

Did you know? He was right (of course)! The Romans burned the temple down in AD 70. But this was really the judgement of the **powerful** and **glorious Jesus**.

Jesus had lots of warnings for his disciples. But these are lessons for us too. Look back through the 'Did you know' boxes and complete the things for us to remember:

1. Don't be _____
2. Don't _____
3. Keep _____

**"Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away"**

Matthew 24v35