



## **When Will Jesus Come Again**

### **Matthew 24:1-14**

*But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come (Matthew 24:13-14—ESV).*

Financed by evil King Herod, the temple became a place where religious leaders enriched themselves and stole from those most deeply committed to knowing and worshiping the true God. Therefore, Jesus first cleansed the temple as He began His public ministry, but it did not stay clean for long; so, He cleansed it again shortly before His crucifixion (see Matthew 21:12–13 and John 2:13–17). Jesus foretold and proved in history that God would punish evil leaders when He destroyed them and the temple. Thankfully, the time had already come when the devout would no longer need to worship God on a temple mount (see John 4:21-24). Jesus also foretold His disciples and us that those who followed Him would suffer at the hands of evil people. We all need to take Jesus' words seriously, especially new and young Christians, because Christians will be bullied by unbelievers, suffer tribulation in a variety of ways, and even be murdered. As Jesus foretold, many still suffer and die in various places around the world because they follow Jesus Christ. To encourage believers, Jesus promised that those who endured to the end would be saved (delivered from sin and the power of Satan) and live forever (receive the gift of eternal life). He also foretold that the gospel of the Kingdom, all Jesus taught and did, would be proclaimed to all nations. As a testimony to all nations and His followers, Jesus has almost completed this task. Jesus promised the end would come and He would return *after* the good news about Him had been preached throughout the world. Two prophecies are fulfilled; yet, two of Jesus' tasks remain for Him to complete by working through us. First, no matter what happens, He will help us endure and follow Him to the end. Second, He will help us share the gospel in every way and place we wisely can, and help others do the same. With Jesus' guidance and power, Jesus will return as He promised *after* His work is done.