

The Time Unknown

The Second Coming of Christ · Eschatology

Of that day and hour knows no man—not the angels of heaven, nor the Son in His humiliation, but the Father only. Christ's return will catch the world unaware, as in the days of Noah. Therefore we are commanded to watch, for we know not what hour our Lord comes. The wise virgins had oil in their lamps; the foolish were unprepared. We are to be found faithful when He comes, occupying till He returns. The uncertainty of timing is intentional—it keeps believers vigilant and holy, always ready for His appearing. Those who love His appearing will receive the crown of righteousness.

Key Verses

Matthew 24:36

But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Matthew 24:42-44

Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Matthew 24:37-39

But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Matthew 25:13

Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Luke 19:13

And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

2 Timothy 4:8

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

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