Introduction

Jesus is coming again. The question on everyone’s mind is when? Jesus’ focus is on what we should be doing until he comes. He doesn’t tell us what we want to hear, but what we need to hear.

We are to live each day as though Jesus could return at any time. The clearest answer Jesus gives to the when question is we don’t know. Not only do we not know the day or hour, we don’t even know the month or year, but that hasn’t stopped people from trying to predict it. “No one knows the day or the hour...not even the Son, but only the Father.”

I. WATCH FOR HIS COMING!
MATTHEW 24:36-44

Life will continue as usual just like in the days of Noah. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, marrying and giving in marriage. The coming of our Lord will be sudden and unexpected. Verse 39 There will be a separation when he comes. Verses 40-41 Therefore keep watch. Verse 42
The Lord’s return will be sudden and unexpected like a thief in the night – so watch and be ready.

“He who stands firm to the end will be saved.”
Verse 13
Watching for the Lord to return doesn’t mean doing nothing. A wise and faithful servant will be doing what his master has asked him to do.

What has God called us to do?
• The Greatest Commandment – “Love the Lord your God with all your heart…” Matthew 22:37
• The Second Commandment – “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 22:39
• The Great Commission – “Go and make disciples of all nations…” Matthew 28:19-20

Worship – Grow – Serve

II. BE WISE IN HOW YOU LIVE AND STAY FAITHFUL!
MATTHEW 24:45-51

III. ALWAYS BE READY FOR THE KING’S RETURN!
MATTHEW 25:1-13
The Parable of the Ten Virgins
• They were waiting for the bridegroom’s return.
• In this case there was a delay in the bridegroom’s coming.
• The five who were wise were prepared for his coming.
• The five who were foolish were not.
• The bridegroom came and they were shut out.

James Boice offers a helpful summary of what these parables have in common.
• In each case the return of the Lord is sudden and unexpected.
• In each case the Lord’s return results in an unalterable division between two groups of people.
• In each case the people who are lost are utterly surprised at their rejection.

Those who are saved are those who believe in Jesus and show it by the way they live.

Conclusion
Are you ready for his coming?
Have you placed your trust in Jesus as your Savior and Lord?
Are you using your time, talents and treasure in a way that advances his kingdom?
Jesus is coming. Will we be ready?