

Matt 24-25: Be Ready for Judgment by listening to Jesus

2. Actions for the Last Days 24:15-44

Introduction

- Follows on from v1-14 which lays out General expectations for all the last days: “birth pains” v8
- But we need to know not only what to expect, but how to act: v44 “Be Ready!”
 - BOTH for a coming judgment on Judea
 - AND for the coming judgment on the whole world
- We must **LEARN** what is to come, and so **BE READY** for what is to come
- Key = 4 x “so” in v15,26,33,42
 - where the general teaching is then applied to the specific situations of judgment
- The logical approach of a good teacher

2 clear predictions of judgment – of different scale 15-31

- 15-25 ...**SO** learn about the coming judgment on Judea: it is certain to come
 - those ‘in the know’ will see the signs in history
- 26-31 ...**SO** learn about the coming judgment on the whole earth: it too is certain to come
 - But very different: no-one in the world will be able to miss this
 - cosmic
 - public
 - ultimately divisive
 - final

2 clear preparations for judgment – of different kind 32-44

- 32-35 be ready then for judgment on Judea:
 - SO keep your eyes open! (visible signs ∴ be ready then)

- 36-44 be ready always for judgment on the earth:
 - SO stay awake! (no signs ∴ be ready always)