

MESSAGE FROM THE WORD

Matthew 24:4-5, 9-13

November 8, 2009

Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

9 "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. 10 At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, 11 and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. 12 Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, 13 but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

What On Earth Should We Do? Protect Your Faith!!!

- *Jesus answered: "Watch out...."*
- *What were the questions?*

1. Watch for the Red Flags

Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you.

- Warning: Others may be leading you astray

5 For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

11 and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people

- Warning: You may be leading yourself astray
 - "Pastor (Mom, Dad) don't worry about me ..."
 - "You don't need to go to church to be ..."
 - "Sunday morning is the only time I have ..."

2. Recognize the Danger

- It's real (and it's been here)
 - a. *9 "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted*
 - b. *and you will be hated by all nations because of me.*
 - c. *10 At that time many ... will betray and hate each other,*
 - d. *12 Because of the increase of wickedness,*
 - e. *the love of most will grow cold,*

- It's a death trap (Greek "scandala")

9 "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death,

3. Stand Firm

- In the "Faith"
 - Faith comes by hearing
 - He who believes and is baptized will be saved
 - Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved
 - Take and eat this is my body given for you for the forgiveness ...
- On Christ
 - The solid rock I stand
 - No other name given among men whereby we must be saved
- To the end
 - Finish well

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