

The Message

Pastor Ron Smith

The Day and Hour

Matthew 24:36

But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.



Jesus As a Man Limited Himself

Philippians 2:5-9 says, “. . . though he was in the form of God . . . made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.”

“Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer”
(2 Corinthians 5:16).



Not for You to Know

**“It is not for you to know times or seasons which the
Father has put in His own authority”
(Acts 1:6).**



Occultism

No trespassing!

“The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law” (Deuteronomy 29:29).



Hebrews 13:9

“Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them.”



Charles Spurgeon

“Your guess at the number of the beast, your conjectures concerning a personal antichrist – it seems to me the veriest drivel to be muttering about an Armageddon – forgive me. I count them but mere bones for dogs; whiled men are dying and hell is filling, generation after generation of them have been proved to be in error by the mere lapse of time.”



Fortune Telling

“You shall not . . . practice divination or soothsaying”
(Leviticus 19:26).



**No one but the Father knows when
Christ is coming.**

He is not coming at any hour expected.

Matthew 24:44



**We Can't Know When He Is Coming,
But We Can Know When He Is Not Coming.**

“All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the LORD, And all the families of the nations shall worship before You.” (Psalm 22:27)



Who Was Left Behind?

For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man . . . **one will be taken and one left.**

Matthew 24:38-40



The Remnant

And it shall come to pass that he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy (Isaiah 4:3).



What Does It Mean to Delay His Coming?

“But if that evil servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’ and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards . . .
(Matthew 24:48-49).



But doesn't the Bible say Jesus is coming soon?

No.

It does not say He is coming soon.
It teaches that He *was* coming soon.



The Ten Virgins

Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.
Matthew 25:1



The Parable of the Talents.

25:14

Stupid investors and foolish virgins fail to plan
for the future.



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