



Rock Point Church  
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**BIG IDEA | Faithfulness today stops freak-outs about tomorrow.**

Matthew 24:1-14 (NLT)

<sup>1</sup> As Jesus was leaving the Temple grounds, his disciples pointed out to him the various Temple buildings. <sup>2</sup> But he responded, “Do you see all these buildings? I tell you the truth, they will be completely demolished. Not one stone will be left on top of another!”

<sup>3</sup> Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives. His disciples came to him privately and said, “Tell us, when will all this happen? What sign will signal your return and the end of the world?”

<sup>4</sup> Jesus told them, “Don’t let anyone mislead you, <sup>5</sup> for many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah.’ They will deceive many. <sup>6</sup> And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don’t panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won’t follow immediately. <sup>7</sup> Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world. <sup>8</sup> But all this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come.

<sup>9</sup> “Then you will be arrested, persecuted, and killed. You will be hated all over the world because you are my followers. <sup>10</sup> And many will turn away from me and betray and hate each other. <sup>11</sup>

And many false prophets will appear and will deceive many people. <sup>12</sup> Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold. <sup>13</sup> But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>14</sup> And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come."

Stay alert... in the Word, in worship, and with others.

Stay active... on mission.

GROUPS QUESTIONS:

*1. What stood out to you about this week's sermon?*

*2. Jesus tells His disciples not to panic when they hear of wars and disasters (Matthew 24:6). What are some ways we can stay calm and trust in God's plan, especially when we face uncertainty?*

*3. Jesus warns about false prophets and people claiming to be the Messiah. How can we discern what's true and keep ourselves from being misled?*

*4. The "Good News" must be shared worldwide before the end comes (v. 14). In what ways can we stay active in sharing our faith, even if it feels challenging?*

*5. What practical steps can we take to build a consistent and steady faith? How can staying alert (in the Word, worship, and fellowship) and staying active on mission help us?*

*6. What stood out to you about Pastor Mulenga's story?*

*7. What prison do you feel stuck in? How is that stopping you from being on mission and doing what God says?*