

The Unknown Day and Our Known Duty

Matt. 24:36-44

A History of Date-Setting

I. The Unknown Day and the Hour (36)

A. Matt. 24:1-3 and the Olivet Discourse

1. Matt. 24:4-35 deals with Jesus' first question and the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70.
2. Matt. 24:36-25:46 deals with the second and third questions (the Second Coming and the Final Judgment – very relevant to Camping)

B. That day and hour

C. The Angels and the Son do not know the day/hour

II. Our Known Duties (37-44)

A. Like the days of Noah (37-39)

B. One taken and one left (40-41)

C. Exhortations (42-44)

1. Watch (42)
2. Vigilance (43)
3. Unexpected (44)

Conclusion

Application to Camping:

1. It is easy to be a scoffer with all this date-setting non-sense. We must be careful that we criticize the false teacher and not the truth of the unexpected coming of the Lord.
2 Pet. 3:3-4

2. We should remember that this brings reproach on Christ and the Gospel; it also destroys peoples' lives and faith.
We should pray for those who have followed a man instead of the Word of God.

3. We should cherish the second coming of Christ with sober joy, knowing that it will be the great and terrible day of the Lord and until that day, we should seek to proclaim Christ.
2 Pet. 3:9-13