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**Matthew 24:4-5 (NIV)** – Jesus answered, “Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and will deceive many”.

**Matthew 24:36-41 (NIV)** – “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left”.

“**know**” = Greek *oida* – “to have seen or perceived; to know”

“**knew**” = Greek *ginoskos* – “to realize; to ascertain; to know especially through personal experience”

**Philippians 2:9-11 (NASB)** – “For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father”.

**Matthew 24:42-44 (NIV)** – “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him”.

“**keep watch**” = Greek *egeiro* - “to be on the alert, to awaken, to be raised up”

**Joshua 1:1-3 (NIV)** – After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses’ aide: “Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them – to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses”.

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**Philippians 3:13b-14 (NIV)** – “But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus”.

**Joshua 1:7-8 (NIV)** – “Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful”.

**Joshua 2:8-11 (NIV)** – Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof and said to them, “I know that the Lord has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. We have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone’s courage failed because of you, for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below”.

**Proverbs 1:7a (NIV)** – “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge”.

“Son, in 35 years of religious studies, I have only come up with two hard incontrovertible facts: there is a God, and I’m not Him” – **Father Cavanaugh, Rudy**

**Joshua 5:13 (NIV)** – “Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, ‘Are you for us or for our enemies?’”

**Joshua 5:14-15 (NKJV)** – So He said, “No, but as Commander of the army of the Lord I have now come”. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, “What does my Lord say to His servant”? Then the Commander of the Lord’s army said to Joshua, “Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy”. And Joshua did so.

**Joshua 24:14-15 (NIV)** – “Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether

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the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord”.