



## SERMON NOTES

# Don't Be Alarmed

Hope in the Face of Uncertainty

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*Matthew 24:1-6 (NIV)*

*1 Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings. 2 "Do you see all these things?" he asked. "I tell you the truth, not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down." 3 As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" 4 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. 6 You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.*

I am a firm believer in the people. If given the truth,  
they can be depended upon to meet any national crisis.  
The great point is to bring them the real facts.  
—Abraham Lincoln

## FIVE PROPHETIC STATEMENTS FROM OUR LORD FOR THIS CURRENT CRISIS

### 1. GREAT \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 24:21 (NIV)*

*21 For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now--and never to be equaled again.*

*Matthew 24:7 (NKJV)*

*7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.*

### THE DISTRESS TEST

*2 Samuel 22:7 (NKJV)*

*7 In my distress I called upon the LORD, And cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, And my cry entered His ears.*

*Job 36:16 (NIV)*

*16 "He is wooing you from the jaws of distress to a spacious place free from restriction, to the comfort of your table laden with choice food.*

### 2. NOT \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 24:6 (NIV)*

*"...see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come."*

### **3. STAND \_\_\_\_\_**

*Matthew 24:13 (NIV)*

*13 but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.*

### **4. THE GOSPEL \_\_\_\_\_**

*Matthew 24:14 (NIV)*

*14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.*

### **5. CUT \_\_\_\_\_**

*Matthew 24:22 (NIV)*

*22 If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.*

ANSWERS:

1. DISTRESS
2. ALARMED
3. FIRM
4. PREACHED
5. SHORT