

Palmetto Baptist Church – September 28, 2014
Expecting the Unexpected – Matthew 24:36-44

Fallen Condition Focus:

A lack of preparation for the Return of Christ.

Inside the Text:

I. The Chronology of the Second Coming. (36)

- A. The timing of His return is unknown to most.

- B. The timing of His return is known by One.

II. The Characteristics of the Last Days. (37-41)

- A. People will lack morality. (37-38)

- B. People will lack sensitivity. (39)

- C. People will lack urgency. (40-41)

III. The Command of the Master. (42-44)

- A. Stay awake. (42-43)

- B. Be ready. (44)

Apply the Text:

- **Trust God with the unknown. (Deut. 29:29)**
- **Be different in order to make a difference. (Matthew 5:13-16)**
- **Eliminate distractions to your readiness for His return. (Hebrews 12:1-2)**