

**STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW**

**Text: Matthew 24**

<sup>9</sup> “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake.

<sup>10</sup> And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.

<sup>11</sup> Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

<sup>12</sup> And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

<sup>13</sup> But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

<sup>14</sup> And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Matthew 24:9-14

**TRYING TIMES WILL COME**

1. Believers must be prepared for very tough times

2. Forewarning about hard experiences:

a) Delivered up to tribulation

b) Killing

c) Hatred

3. How can we bear all these things?

a) Faith in the Lord

b) Love for the Lord

**EMERGENCE OF FALSE PROPHETS**

1. They will proclaim that they are prophets

2. But they are false prophets

3. Many would be deceived
  - a) They would be led astray
  - b) They would be affected adversely
  - c) The love of some would grow cold
  - d) Lawlessness will abound

### **THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL**

1. Many need to hear the Gospel message
2. They need to be led to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ
3. Then would the end come

*<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.*

*<sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

*<sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.*

*Matthew 28:18-20*

- a) To make disciples
- b) To see people baptised
- c) To teach people the lessons the Lord Jesus taught

### **THE CHALLENGES**

#### **1. To endure to the end**

- a) To cling to the Lord
- b) To persevere
- c) To cope
- d) To triumph

## **2. The end of the road**

- a) We will be saved
- b) This road leads to heaven

## **3. Let us build:**

- a) Courage
- b) Confidence
- c) Commitment