



Closer than we think!

PART 5 OF 5

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MATTHEW 24:14 NKJV – (14) 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.

The gospel will be preached in all nations. The final sign Jesus gave His disciples was a positive one, *“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”* (**Matthew 24:14**). Not all the news out there is bad news. In spite of rising persecution, Christianity is proving strong as Jesus continues to build His church (**Matthew 16:18**). Missionaries are being sent out from nations far and wide to provide a witness to all nations and all peoples. The International Mission Board has identified 3,203 remaining people groups in the world that have not heard of the gospel of Jesus. We know who they are and where they live. As missionaries continue to go and **reach the unreached**, Jesus’ final prediction of what must happen before the end of the world is quickly becoming a reality.

CONCLUSION: How close is the end of the world? A lot closer than we might think. Just because 2000 years have passed since Jesus’ prophecy, do not allow that to silence us into a false sense of complacency. Jesus told us that although his coming would be like a thief in the night (**Matthew 24:43**), there are several signs to look for. These signs are being fulfilled before our eyes. The end of the world is a lot closer than we think. Again, a lot closer than we think!

SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 13:40

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Life is what happens when we are busy making other plans.