



THE MORNING WATCH

A Weekly Seventh-day Adventist Bible Study | The Morning Watch

SATAN PERSONATES CHRIST: The Crowning Deception

Kids Edition Study Guide (Ages 6-13) | Pastor Joseph Arner

“Only Those Who Study the Bible Will Be Safe”

Only those who have been diligent students of the Scriptures and who have received the love of the truth will be shielded from the powerful delusion that takes the world captive. By the Bible testimony these will detect the deceiver in his disguise.

— GC, p. 625

SERMON OVERVIEW — Key Themes and Texts

THEME	BIBLE VERSE	BIG IDEA
Watch Out for Fakes!	Matthew 24:24	Jesus warned us: some people will PRETEND to be Him. Don't be fooled!
Read Your Bible!	Isaiah 8:20	The Bible is our special tool to spot the fake. If it doesn't match God's Word, it's not real.
The Real Jesus Comes BIG!	Matthew 24:27	When Jesus really comes back, EVERYONE will see Him — like lightning across the whole sky!
We Can't Wait!	1 Thess. 4:16-17	Jesus is coming soon with a shout, a trumpet, and angels! We will fly up to meet Him!

COOL FACTS — Spotting the Fake and Knowing the Real Jesus!

Did you know that in 2024, a man in Hong Kong was tricked by a FAKE video call? The people on his screen looked real, sounded real, and acted real — but they were all made by a computer! He lost a LOT of money because he trusted what he SAW instead of stopping to check the facts. Jesus warned us that something like this is going to happen in the whole world — but MUCH bigger! The good news? If we study our Bibles, we will NEVER be fooled!



COOL BIBLE FACT 1

Jesus Warned Us First! Jesus said in Matthew 24:25: 'See, I have told you beforehand!' He loves us SO much that He told us about the fake BEFORE it happens. That's like getting the answer key before the test!



COOL BIBLE FACT 2

Lightning Across the Sky! When the REAL Jesus comes back, it will be like lightning flashing from east to west across the WHOLE sky (Matthew 24:27). Everyone on Earth will see it at the same time. No one will need to tell you — you'll just KNOW!



COOL BIBLE FACT 3

Elijah Knew the Real Fire! In 1 Kings 18, the prophet Elijah prayed and REAL fire came down from heaven. Satan will try to copy this miracle (Revelation 13:13). But Elijah knew God's real power because he spent time with God. We can too!



COOL BIBLE FACT 4

The Dead Are Sleeping! When someone we love dies, the Bible says they are ASLEEP (John 11:11). They don't go anywhere until Jesus wakes them up at His return. So if someone says a dead person is talking to you — that's NOT from God!



COOL BIBLE FACT 5

The Bible Is Our Shield! "Only those who have been diligent students of the Scriptures...will be shielded from the powerful delusion that takes the world captive." — GC, p. 625



COOL BIBLE FACT 6

Check Everything! "To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." — Isaiah 8:20. The Bible is our CHECK. Always check!

"For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be."

— Matthew 24:27 (NKJV)

What This Means For Us: The REAL Jesus coming back will be the most amazing thing anyone has ever seen! No one will need to tell you — it will be like lightning across the whole sky, with a loud shout, angels, and a trumpet! The fake Jesus will appear quietly in one place. The real Jesus will be seen by EVERYONE at once. That's how we know the difference!

THINK ABOUT IT:

If someone ran up to you and said, 'Jesus is over there in the park! Come see Him!' what would you say? How does Matthew 24:27 help you answer?

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

What is one way you can start studying your Bible MORE this week so you are ready and not fooled? Maybe read one verse every morning? Ask your parents to study with you?

HOW WILL THE FAKE LOOK? — Jesus Told Us What to Expect

The Crowning Deception

One day, Satan — the enemy of God — is going to dress up as Jesus! He will appear in the sky, shining with beautiful light. He will speak kindly. He will even heal sick people. Crowds will shout, "Christ has come! Christ has come!" and bow down. But it will be a TRICK. The Bible told us this would happen so we would not be fooled. The fake Jesus will say he changed God's special day, the Sabbath. But God never changed it!



A child checks the Bible to spot the fake.

WHAT SATAN CANNOT DO — The One Thing He Can't Fake!



The real Jesus comes in the clouds for everyone to see!

The Real Jesus Comes Differently!

Here is the GREAT news: Satan can fake a lot of things, but he CANNOT fake the way Jesus really comes back! The Bible says the real Jesus will come in the CLOUDS, with a SHOUT, with the TRUMPET of God, and the DEAD in Christ will rise first (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17). Every eye on Earth will see Him at the same time (Revelation 1:7). Satan can stand on the ground and glow, but he CANNOT split open the whole sky from horizon to horizon. He cannot raise the dead. He cannot make every grave burst open at once. The REAL coming of Jesus is a COSMIC event — the biggest thing that has ever happened!

MISSIONARY STORY — Maria's Bible in the Village

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Many years ago in a small village in Africa, a young girl named Maria was only ten years old when a traveling preacher came and gave her family a Bible — the only one in the whole village. Maria loved that Bible. She read it every single day under the big mango tree. She memorized verses. She learned what Jesus was really like.

One day, a stranger came to the village claiming to be a prophet sent from God. He said many wonderful things. But Maria listened carefully and then opened her Bible. "That doesn't match what the Bible says," she told her mother quietly. Her mother checked. Maria was right! The stranger was teaching something false. Because Maria had studied her Bible, she could spot the fake. *The Bible was her shield — and it worked! That is why we study God's Word every day.*

STUDY YOUR BIBLE — It Is Your Superpower!



Reading the Bible every day keeps us safe.



Jesus says "Well done!" to those who know His Word.



We are looking forward to Jesus coming soon!

The Two Big Tricks

The Bible warns us about two big tricks that Satan uses to get people ready to be fooled. The first trick is making people think that when you die, you go somewhere right away — like floating up to heaven or becoming a ghost. But the Bible says the dead are SLEEPING and don't know anything (Ecclesiastes 9:5). They are waiting for Jesus to wake them up! The second trick is changing God's special Sabbath day from Saturday to Sunday. God's Sabbath has never changed — it was made at Creation and is still Saturday. If you know these two Bible truths, the fake Jesus will not be able to fool you!

The Remnant Stands Firm

The Bible says that God's last-day people "keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus" (Revelation 14:12). That's us! We are the ones who will not bow down to the fake. We will stand firm because we know our Bibles. D.L. Moody once said, "The Bible was not given for our information but for our transformation." When we read the Bible every day, it changes us from the inside. It makes us wise. It makes us brave. It makes us ready for Jesus to come!

"Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen."

— Revelation 1:7 (NKJV)

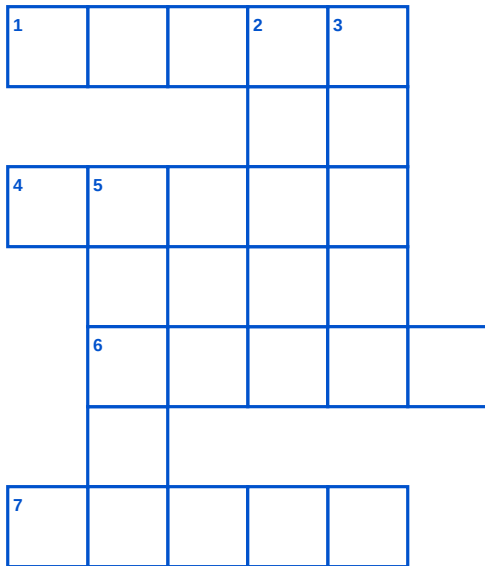
KEY THOUGHT

Satan is going to try to TRICK the whole world by pretending to be Jesus. He will look amazing and sound wonderful. But he CANNOT fake the way Jesus really comes back — in the clouds, with a trumpet, seen by EVERY eye at once! The only people who will not be fooled are those who love and study their Bibles every day. The Bible is your superpower!

LIFE APPLICATION

Start a Bible reading habit TODAY! Even one verse every morning before school can change your life. Ask Jesus to help you love His Word. Write down your favorite verse and put it somewhere you can see it every day. When Jesus comes in the clouds, you will be READY — and you will be so excited because you have been waiting and watching for Him!

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ACROSS

1. The book we study to know what is true. (5)
4. Something that is not real; a trick or pretend. (4)
6. Jesus will come back IN the _____. (5)
7. The opposite of a lie; what God's Word always is. (5)

DOWN

2. God will _____ those who love and obey Him. (5)
3. God's chosen people who keep His commandments. (5)
5. A heavenly messenger who will come with Jesus. (5)

FILL-IN-THE-BLANK ANSWER KEY (Page 6)

1. deceives 2. wonders 3. truth 4. beforehand 5. believe 6. lightning 7. sleep 8. clouds 9. eye 10. shout 11. commandments 12. word

THINK ABOUT IT:

Jesus said in Matthew 24:25: 'See, I have told you beforehand.' Why do you think Jesus warned us about the fake BEFORE it happens? What does that tell you about how much Jesus loves you?

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

If a friend told you they saw someone who looked like Jesus in a field nearby, what Bible verse would you share with them to help them understand? Write the verse reference here:

THE MESSAGE IN REVIEW — Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the missing words from the key Bible verses in this study. Use your Bible to look them up!

1. "Take heed that no one _____ you." *Matthew 24:4*
2. "False christs...will show great signs and _____." *Matthew 24:24*
3. "If they do not speak according to this word, there is no _____ in them." *Isaiah 8:20*
4. "See, I have told you _____." *Matthew 24:25*
5. "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' do not _____ it." *Matthew 24:23*
6. "For as the _____ comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be." *Matthew 24:27*
7. "Our friend Lazarus _____, but I go that I may wake him up." *John 11:11*
8. "Behold, He is coming with _____, and every eye will see Him." *Revelation 1:7*
9. "Every _____ will see Him, even they who pierced Him." *Revelation 1:7*
10. "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a _____, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God." *1 Thess. 4:16*
11. "Here are those who keep the _____ of God and the faith of Jesus." *Revelation 14:12*
12. "To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this _____, there is no light in them." *Isaiah 8:20*

TRUE OR FALSE — Circle the right answer!

1. ☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE When Jesus comes back, only some people in one city will see Him.
2. ☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE The Bible is our best tool to spot fakes and know what is true.
3. ☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE When people die, they become ghosts who can talk to us.
4. ☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE Satan cannot fake the way Jesus really comes back in the clouds.
5. ☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE Reading the Bible every day helps us get ready for Jesus to come!

FINAL REFLECTION

Jesus loves you SO much that He warned you about the fake BEFORE it happens. He said, 'See, I have told you beforehand!' (Matthew 24:25). The people who will not be fooled are the ones who study their Bibles every day and love God's Word. That can be YOU! Start today. Read one verse. Then another. Then another. **The real Jesus is coming soon — in the clouds, with a trumpet, seen by every eye. Are you ready? Are you watching? Are you excited? He is coming for YOU!**

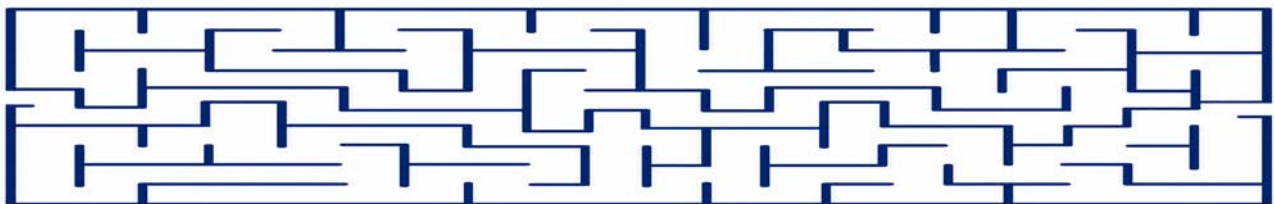
☐ **BONUS ACTIVITY: Help the child find the path through the maze to the open Bible!**



**START
HERE!**



**FIND
THE
BIBLE!**



JESUS IS COMING!