1 - **Preaching The Second Coming of Jesus**
 Matthew 24:44

2 - **Preaching Jesus**

1. His **origin, identity and nature**. -
2. The **prophesied Messiah**.
3. The **life He lived in the flesh**.
4. His **death and resurrection**.
5. **His church**.
6. His “plan” of salvation.
7. His second coming.

3 - **What kind of days are coming?**

* Good, bad, hopeful, discouraging - some important and some seemingly not.
* We don’t know what’s coming! (James 4:13-17; Psalms 39:4-6)
* God’s word speaks of a day coming unlike any other.

4 - **“Those Days” vs. “That Day”**

* Jesus referred to coming ***“days”*** (24:19, 22, 29, 30) when Jerusalem and the Temple would be destroyed.
* There was also a question in vs. 3 about ***“the end of the age”*** and Jesus said, *“****But of THAT DAY*** *and hour* ***no one knows****, not even the angels of heaven,* ***nor the Son****, but* ***the Father alone****.”* (vs. 36)
* Jesus will come again! (John 14:3)

5 - **Jesus’ Exhortation**

* Thus, Jesus exhorts, ***“be on the alert”*** (vs. 42) and ***“be ready”*** (vs. 44) since we don’t know about ***“that day”***.
* There are preparations to make right now (Matthew 25:1-13) because of our inability to know when it will be.

6 - **Outline of the Bible**

* **Jesus is coming** (Old Testament),
* **Jesus is here** (Gospels) and
* **Jesus is coming again** (Epistles)

7 - **What Will That Day Mean To You?**

* **Amos 5:18** – *“****For what purpose will the day of the Lord be to you****?”*
* Note the context and the call to repentance – they were not seeking God and their ***“sins are great”*** and yet they are “***longing for the day of the Lord***”… why would they?

8 - **What Will That Day Be Like?**

* **It will be sudden and unexpected** (John 5:28;
1 Thessalonians 5:2, 3),
* **It will be visible** (Colossians 3:4; Acts 1:11;
2 Corinthians 5:10; 2 Peter 3:10),
* **It will be personal**. (John 14:3; Acts 1:11; 3:19-21;
1 Thessalonians 4:16,17; Philippians 3:20; Colossians 3:4)

9 - **The Surprised**

**Unbelievers who never thought the day would come.**

* For many it will be a shock because they expected life to always go on as “normal”. (Matthew 24:37-39;
Luke 12:16ff; 2 Peter 3:3-7)
* Man is tempted to put off the coming of that day.
(2 Peter 3:3-7; Isaiah 56:12; Amos 6:3; 9:10)
* Don’t be surprised! Have faith in God’s word.

10 - **The Well-Intentioned**

**Those who always intended to obey the gospel some day.**

* Planned to prepare for that day but never did! (Luke 13:24ff)
* Can we afford to put off our readiness? (Acts 22:16; Psalms 119:57-60; Isaiah 55:6) When will we begin?
* We ought to be ***“looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God.***” (2 Peter 3:12)

11 - **The Grieving**

**Those who obeyed but turned back.**

* Better not to have known the way of righteousness.
(2 Peter 2:20-22)
* When a righteous man turns from his righteousness. (Ezekiel 18:24; cf., Hebrews 6:4-6; 12:16-17)
* We must continue to abide in Him. (1 John 2:28)
* Pray no one here ever says, “what could have been?”

12 - **The Humbled**

**Those who defied & rejected Jesus & His authority.**

* ***“I never knew you; depart from Me…”*** (Matthew 7:21-23)
* We can’t do whatever our heart/mind tells us to do if it isn’t based on God’s word. (1 Kings 12:33; Proverbs 14:12; Jeremiah 10:23)
* On that day, “every knee will bow”. (Philippians 2:10;
2 Thessalonians 1:6-10)
* Will we humble ourselves now? (Luke 5:8; Revelation 1:17)

13 - **The Distracted**

**Believers who had other priorities.**

* **Excuse makers.** (Luke 14:16-24)
* **Those with a divided heart.** (Mark 12:29-30; Deut. 6:5)
* **Not running to win**. (1 Corinthians 9:24-27)

14 - **The Victorious**

**The faithful, obedient and enduring servant.**

* **Overcomers.** (Revelation 21:7; 12:11)
* **They will be rewarded.** (2 Timothy 4:7-8)
* **They will rejoice.** (1 Peter 4:13)
* **They will rest from their labors & trials.** (Revelation 14:13)
* **They will obtain mercy.** (2 Timothy 1:18)
* **They will find relief.** (2 Thessalonians 1:7)

15 - **What Will That Day Be To You?**

* **The surprised -** unbelievers who never thought the day would come**.**
* **Those well intentioned -** who had intended to obey:
* **The grieving –** who obeyed but turned back.
* **The humbled –** those who rejected Jesus & His authority.
* **The distracted -** Believers who had other priorities
* **The victorious –** the faithful, obedient and enduring.