A Great Tsunami is on the Way

(Matthew 24:36-41 KJV)

*But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.*

I

 heard a story of a young preacher who had just begun his sermon on the second coming of Christ. He was a little uneasy, and about ten minutes into the message his mind went blank. He remembered what they had taught him in seminary; when a situation like this would arise. The professor informed him to take his time and repeat his last point. Often this would help you remember what was coming next. So he thought he would give it a try. “Behold, I come quickly,” he said. Still his mind was blank. He thought he would try it again. “Behold I come quickly.” Still nothing happened. He tried it one more time with such force that he fell forward, knocking the pulpit to one side, tripping over a flowerpot, and falling into the lap of a little old lady in the front row. The young preacher apologized and tried to explain what happened. “That's all right, young man,” said the little old lady. “It was my fault. I should have gotten out of the way. After you told me three times you were coming!” Although we may be warned of impending danger, we often do not heed the warning.

We are roughly in the middle of what is known as the Olivet discourse where Jesus is teaching from the Mount of Olives (Matthew 24-25). We are entering into a zone where there is a diversity of opinion as to how to understand what Jesus says. We are looking at Matthew 24: 36-41, where Jesus is speaking about the coming of the Son of Man. (Matthew 24:36) is speaking about the return of Jesus that clearly says, “*But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.*” How much clearer can the Bible make it than that!

When will Jesus come back? The angels in heaven don’t know. Jesus doesn’t know Himself. Only God the Father knows. Please hear these words from Matthew’s gospel. Its truth is authentic. You can turn on the television right now and probably hear some televangelist talking about Jesus coming back soon. But if you simply read what it says in the Bible, it says that Jesus doesn’t even know when his return will be! So, either those who preach about such things are smarter than Jesus, or they are misguided and they are misguiding others.

Despite this clear, black and white statement of His claim. People still continue to examine the details of prophecy to calculate when Jesus will return. It is like well, maybe we cannot know the day or hour but maybe the week or month or year! Matthew 24:36, is very clear “no one knows” means know one can. Not the angels, not even Jesus himself. But this knowledge is only known by God the Father, who’s omniscient.