

Where Are You Going?

As crazy as it may sound, some people have already begun looking forward to summer. As a child I remember my mother calling various state and national parks on the first day of the year to reserve a spot for our family vacations. Some state parks are most likely already full for peak weekends in the year, such as the 4th of July, Memorial Day, and Labor Day.

When things around us are gloomy, cold, or dreary we like to look forward to what is coming next. There are often times in the midst of darkness where we focus only on the coming light, the new dawn, the inevitable future moment when things are better.

In the book of Matthew chapter 24, there is a description of the end of times. It sounds rather terrifying. However, near the end of the chapter we hear this, *But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming* (Matthew 24:36–42).

Those who have Jesus as their Savior do not have to fear the end of times. We can rest knowing Christ will return to carry us home. Unlike the national and state parks, heaven doesn't have a limit of visitors per day. There isn't a non-refundable deposit required. There is no phone call at 7 a.m. on January 1. You cannot be put on hold, and wait exorbitant amounts of time to be heard, just to be told there isn't a place available. The payment has been made in full. Your place has been reserved not by you, but by the blood of Jesus.

So where are you going when this life ends? Are your loved ones and closest friends going too? Have you asked them? Have you told them about the all-inclusive eternal accommodations prepared by Jesus himself? Maybe it's just the right moment to share your faith with them because, after all, we do not know the hour and date of Christ's return.

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