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Introduction: In the last section of Matthew 24, Jesus finally specially refers to his return as the Son of Man.

GOING DEEPER:

READ Matthew 24:36-51.

1. Jesus says in verse 36: *"But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."* How necessary is it then, for us to speculate about when the personal return of Jesus will occur?

2. In verses 37-40 Jesus compares his return at the end of history to the flood in the days of Noah. Consider the nature of the Flood – it was sudden, and contained a considerable amount of God's judgement on his enemies. What does this tell us about Jesus' return?

5. Many commentators throughout history have considered v40-41 to be about a secret rapture: i.e. *"one will be taken and the other left."* However, when one considers Jesus' mention of the flood one verse before this, does being *"taken"* refer to a good thing or an act of judgement? (i.e. what happens when someone is *taken* in a flood?!).

6. In verses 45-51 Jesus tells a parable about what he expects our posture as his disciples to be as we wait for his return. What posture should we have?

Bringing it home...

7. If Jesus commands us to be ready for him to return at any moment, how do we keep this reality at the forefront of our minds and actions daily?