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Transforming Daily
“ . . . Take heed that no one deceives you . . . ”
Matthew 24:4

It has been said that before one's death what they speak about is the most important thing on their mind. In light of that, what was it that Jesus spoke about early in the week before His crucifixion? One of the things that He spoke about was His second coming. When the disciples asked Him about the end of the age, He responded in Matthew with two chapters of information (ch.24-25). It is hard to determine just how much of the prophecy in chapters 24 and 25 has been fulfilled. However, what is important is that it has been fulfilled and the rest will be too.

Of further importance is not just how the believer allows biblical prophecy to influence their perspective, but how the overall Word of God effects and penetrates his or her heart and mind. The evidence will be seen in the believers' daily living. So when the believer reflects on the crucifixion of Christ, the whole plan is to be in mind. One event is contingent on the other. They are inextricably woven together to form the eschatological masterpiece of God.

Christ's crucifixion, as reprehensible and abhorrent as it was, is only a part of the grander plan of God. In addition to His crucifixion, there was His burial, resurrection, and ascension, with His second coming, and millennial reign as well as the Great White Throne Judgment (the believer will stand before Jesus at the Judgment seat of Christ not the Great White Throne Judgment) yet to be fulfilled.

Do you see the whole picture? Are you consumed with, or blind to, one point of Christ's journey over another? As you read Scripture, is there an awareness of the significance of current events to heighten your sense of urgency to openly share your faith as never before?

As we experience the fulfillment of Matthew chapters 24-25, as well as other prophecies throughout Scripture, let us, as individuals, take heed that no one deceives you.