

in their ranks, as they stood true to their Lord, waiting for His coming from heaven. Then, the emperor Constantine became a Christian. Many began to think that Rome would become a truly Christian empire. People forgot that they were here for a witness, to await the return of their king from heaven, and felt that they were here to establish the Kingdom on earth now. It was not long before the church itself fell into worldliness and sin. Our Lord has not called us to make a Christian world, in this age, but to watch, to be faithful, and to witness for Him until the time of His glorious return.

#### Questions

1. What is the meaning of the statement in verse 34: "This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled"? (The Greek word translated "generation" really means race or nation, and here refers to the Jewish race.)
2. How can we know when Jesus is coming back? (We cannot know when He will return, for He wishes us at all times to be ready for His coming. Matt. 24:36,42,44; 25:13).
3. What will happen to Christians when Jesus comes? (They will be caught up to meet Him in the air. I Thess. 4:13-18).
4. What is meant by the command to watch in verse 24? (The Greek word here translated "watch" really means to be wide-awake, and is an exhortation to active and vigilant service to our Lord.)
5. What is the reward of the faithful servant? (He will reign with Christ. Matt. 24:47; Rev. 20:4-6).