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. They seem to introduce an argument which rests on living.  
nothing for Christian . Mr. Cordes? (Student) argument  
at least  
that he stresses one, two, three, four, /seven or eight times in the New  
Testament he stresses this argument. You nowhere know the date or the  
hour, therefore watch and pray, but if we do know the day and the hour,  
though not precisely known, is after foreseeable events which haven't  
yet come, what is the point of this particular argument. Why does He  
give it? Why didn't the Holy Spirit just omit these particular verses  
and the Bible would be just as complete and just as . If  
there is some other explanation of these which fits into such a view,  
I haven't been able to find it.  
I would like to know what it is. /If there is one, then, of course, this  
is not a vital argument. If there is not one it seems to me this is al-  
most an argument. Mr. Wolfe? (Student) There  
are, of course, many possible ways of interpreting it. One way of in-  
terpreting these other passages is, of course, that these events take  
place and then comes the rapture of the Church after them. Another  
way of interpreting them is that these events takes place for the world  
after the Church has been raptured, but if the rapture of the Church is not  
the first of any series of foreseeable events, what is the point of these  
arguments which are given seven or eight times? I just can't see it.  
(Student) Now, let me get this straight. Did I understand you to say that  
it might be that the signs are such that in the time of the Roman empire  
people might look, Bible students might really have thought the signs were  
here, that people in Martin Luther's day might really have thought that  
(student) to fit these passages, that nobody knows? (Student) I think this  
"watch" means look for signs. It means Christian living. (Student) We  
seem to have two things which seem to contradict each other. On the one  
hand we seem to have statements, "You live for Christ right today, because  
you don't know the day or the hour He is coming. You be vigilant right now