



Title: "Get Ready"

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Synopsis: Imagine that you have information that the United States is going to be invaded within forty years. Imagine that you know that the White House and all the surrounding buildings are going to be completely destroyed so that there is not one stone left on another. Imagine that your friends and family are going to go through unbelievable persecution and that many will be slaughtered because of their faith.

And now imagine that you know that you are going to be killed in four days. How can you warn them? How can you make them understand? What instructions do you leave with them? How do you comfort them?

This is the scenario in Matthew 24. Jesus knows he is going to be killed in four days and that Jerusalem is going to be invaded by Rome and the Temple completely destroyed. He knows that his dearest friends and family are going to be persecuted and killed. He also knows that the destruction of Jerusalem is going to parallel the final judgment of all humanity. Time is getting short. Like a general preparing his troops for battle, Jesus tells these young men, "Get Ready!" Time is getting short for us too. His words echo through the centuries to us as well. "Get Ready!"