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WEEK SEVEN ANSWERS

February 6 **Matthew 24:29-51**

What must take place before “this generation” passes away, according to v34?—All these things” must take place first, including the coming of the Son of Man (Jesus) in power and great glory. Some aspects happened at the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD, but not all.

What is the correct definition of “this generation” as used in that verse?—It is the age, the system, the character of humans that has continued unchanged from the time of Jesus until He returns to create a new world order.

February 7 **Matthew 25:1-30**

Put in your own words what Jesus means for you to do by His command “Keep watch!”—I should be eagerly expecting Jesus’ return, knowing it will bring all the joy and fulfillment I am longing for. I should be busy employing the gifts (assets and opportunities) He has given, anticipating a reward for my stewardship of His things.

February 8 **Matthew 25:31-26:13**

During the Great Tribulation, Christians will be horribly persecuted. Who are the only people that stand with the persecuted at that time and make themselves targets of persecution?—Fellow believers. Being “the least” does not make you a brother. Being a brother makes you “the least” in the eyes of the world. These surviving believers get to re-populate a near-perfect earth. The surviving unbelievers are killed to await the final judgment.

February 9 **Matthew 26:14-46**

Did Jesus know what the answer to His thrice-repeated prayer would be?—Yes. He had already predicted His death three times. He knew why He had come and what it would take to fulfill His title: the Lamb of God. Nonetheless, He prayed in anguish for some other way. This proves there is no other way.
Why pray?—to communicate, to submit, to glorify God, to make relationship with God central in everything.

February 10 **Matthew 26:47-68**

Compare Jesus’ words to the arresting crowd with His words to the Jewish leaders.—To the arresting crowd He posed questions that could convict and awaken a few to the evil they were doing. To the Jewish leaders who were deeply committed to killing Him He said nothing except what would seal His fate.

February 11 **Matthew 26:69-27:14**

What circumstances may have caused Peter to forget his promise or justify breaking it?—Massive amounts of adrenaline from the fight in the garden and the flight from the garden. Their physical prospects diminished with Jesus arrested and the group broken up. Peter, so brave with Jesus and the gang, is now filled with fear without them. Perhaps he plots a rescue (without a sword!)

February 12 **Matthew 27:15-31**

How can a whole crowd be persuaded to shout for crucifixion of an innocent man?—People in a crowd fear being on the wrong side of the crowd and will conform to the most intimidating members. The anonymity of a crowd lends itself to more extreme action.