

End Time Events VI
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Are we living in the last days? As we continue to study the last day events which are based on the words of Jesus which He spoke in Matthew 24, we now come to one certain reality that proves the words of Jesus to be true. Jesus said in Matthew 24:12 *“And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.”*

Speaking about the last days, Jesus said, that because iniquity will increase, many will have no love. What better describes today’s society?

Unfortunately we are living in dangerous times. According to the Department of Justice, in 2007, U.S. residents age 12 or older experienced approximately 23 million crimes, according to findings from the National Crime Victimization Survey. Seventy six percent (76%), that is, seventeen point five million (17.5) were property crimes. Twenty three (23%), that is, five point two million (5.2) were crimes of violence. And one percent (1%), that is, (194,100) were personal thefts. Would you say that these criminals that committed these acts were full of love? I don’t think so. This is caused by people whose love has gotten cold.

In 2007, for every 1,000 persons age 12 or older, there occurred one (1) rape or sexual assault, one (1) assault with injury, and two (2) robberies. Before you say that the number is not high, see it through a different scope. For example, in a city like New York, for every one hundred thousand persons, there were 273.1 violent crimes, 6.6 homicides, 17.4 rapes, 304.6 robberies, 344.4 assaults, 4,331.1 property crimes, 3222.2 burglaries, 3,530.8 larcenies, and 460.1 motor vehicle thefts. Totaling these crimes up and you get a total of 12890.3 crimes for each 100,000.00 people. You multiply that number with the 8.1 million population of New York and you get one hundred and four million, four hundred and eleven thousand crimes (104,411.43). And that is only for the city of New York! Imagine the countless other cities throughout the world.

Now, my intentions are not to bore you with statistics, only to prove a point. And the point is what Jesus said. The love of many has gotten cold. You cannot go out publicly at night that much anymore because there might be a possibility that you can get shot or mugged. People in our days are rude, mean, hateful, unloving and uncaring. There is not much love in our days anymore. You look at the evening news and all you really see are reports on crimes. You look at the movies, and they depict hate, killings, sex, foul words, and pride. It is nothing but wickedness that comes out of Hollywood. And unfortunately many people are eating it all up.

You look at the neighborhoods and there gang signs everywhere. You look at the youth of today and on the clothes that they wear and you see that they are full of skulls, bad words, sexual innuendoes. You hear their music they listen to and it will shock you. It’s all about killing, sex, crimes, and hate. No wonder many of our youth today will have no problem in getting a gun and shooting even their own family, much less shooting other kids in school, and all for being “kool”

and “bad.” Have you forgotten the Columbine High School shooting that took place on April 20, 1999 in which 15 students lost their lives? How about the Buell Elementary School shooting which took place on February 29, 2000 in which six (6) year old Dedrick Owens brought a 32 Caliber handgun and fatally shot six (6) year old Kayla Rolland in the presence of a teacher and 22 students. Do you remember the Red Lake High School massacre of March 2005, or the Virginia Tech massacre that occurred on April 16, 2007 in which 33 died including the gunman? Since the year 2000, there were more than 25 school shootings. And these shootings originated in the heart of the shooter long before the crime was committed through the hate that was in his heart.

Our government is always looking for new ways to prevent crimes. But people do not need more laws. And people certainly do not need religion. People need to repent from their sins and receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior. If these are not signs of the last days then what is? Jesus gave a perfect description of today’s generation in Matthew 24. The love of many has indeed gotten cold.