

**Key Scripture** 

#### Acts 2:17 NIV

In the last days, God says,

I will pour out My Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

## Scoffers

2 Peter 3:3 NLT

Most importantly, I want to remind you that <u>in the last days scoffers will come</u>, <u>mocking the truth and following their own desires</u>.

## Why do people scoff and mock the Lord?

✓ Ignorance

1 Timothy 1:13 TLB

even though I used to scoff at the name of Christ.

I hunted down His people, harming them in every way I could. But God had mercy on me because I didn't know what I was doing, for I didn't know Christ at that time.

## ✓ <u>Deceptive</u> Desires

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 NLT

9 Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God?

<u>Don't fool yourselves.</u> Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, 10 or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God. 11 Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

## ✓ $\frac{\text{Fear}}{\text{of people}}$ .

### Matthew 10:28 CEV

Instead, you should fear God who can destroy both your body and your soul in hell					
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# **Last Days**

## Scoffers

### Rise Above the Ridicule

1. Sift through information.

Proverbs 14:15 Message

The gullible believe anything they're told; the prudent sift and weigh every word.

# 2. Stand against evil to accomplish your purpose.

1 Timothy 6:13 NLT

I'm charging you before the life-giving God and before Christ, who took His stand before Pontius Pilate and didn't give an inch:

Luke 13:32 NLT

Jesus replied, "<u>Go tell that fox</u> that I will keep on casting out demons and healing people today and tomorrow; and the third day *I will accomplish my purpose*."

## 3. Stay with Jesus.

Mark 13:13 Message

There's no telling who will hate you because of Me.  $\label{eq:constraint} \mbox{"Stay with it} \ -\ \mbox{that's what is required}.$ 

Stay with it to the end. You won't be sorry; you'll be saved.

Matthew 10:32-33 CEV

If you tell others that you belong to Me,
I will tell My Father in heaven that you are My followers.

33 But if you reject Me, I will tell My Father in heaven that you don't belong to Me.

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