

Discussion Questions

LifeGroups



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Sermon Series: What In The World Is Going On? Jesus' Words on the Future

Sermon Title: Cosmic Chaos Part 2

Sermon Text: Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 21

Bottom Line

Jesus warns us; don't be deceived, don't compromise, stay faithful. The world won't be looking for Jesus when the Father says, "Go get them." But will His followers?

Scripture

Matthew 24:29-36 (NLT)

29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. 32 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. 33 So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 34 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 36 "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.

1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 (ESV)

5 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Matthew 24:37-39 (NLT)

37 For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, 39 and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew 13:40-43 (ESV)

40 Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, 42 and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

Gratitude, Prayer and Accountability

What happened this past week that you are grateful for? What would you like to prayer for today? How did God work in your life since the last time we were together? What is He doing through you as it relates to your Adopt 7?

Let's Start

What is an invention that at one time you would have never thought possible that has changed your life?

Let's Talk

1. Pastor Dale has used this little diagram to explain what Jesus taught in Matthew 24. Take a look at the diagram and let's discuss what it means:



2. Dale has pointed out that during this whole period the followers of Jesus are called to:
 - a. Be faithful to Jesus
 - b. Be faithful to His Word
 - c. Be faithful to His Mission

Think about your life. What are some ways that you are being faithful to Jesus, His Word and His mission?

3. Read Matthew 24:29-36. What are the key points that Jesus is making in this passage about what is to come?
4. What additional insight does Paul add about the end times in 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17?

