

Jesus and End Times

What we **DON'T KNOW** about end times

- **WHEN** it will happen
- **HOW** it will happen

What we **DO KNOW** about end times

- **WHAT** will happen:
 - Jesus will **COME BACK** in **MAJESTY**
 - **ALL** people will be **JUDGED**
 - God will establish His **KINGDOM** here on **EARTH**

What does Jesus want us to do with this passage?

- Be done with old things
 - **SIN**
 - **RELIGION**
 - **IDOLS**
- Live in Biblical tensions in the present

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- Confidently expect what is to come
 - **PERSPECTIVE**
 - **WATCHFULNESS**
 - **VICTORY**

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Life Group Study Questions

For the week of October 27, 2019

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

MY STORY

1. Even though the temple Jesus referred to in this weekend's passage was destroyed in 70 AD, the site still remains extremely important to the Jewish people. Have you ever visited a historical building or monument in the U.S. or abroad? (i.e. the Washington Monument, Big Ben, the Great Wall of China, the Pyramids, etc.)

What did your experience reveal to you about that country's culture?

2. When you hear someone talking about the end times, what is your typical response?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. This weekend Christopher mentioned that we often view the temple through the lens of a 21st century American, and we think of the temple as a church. However the temple had far greater depth of meaning than simply being a church. In fact, it gives us a window into how God relates to His people. In order to help us better understand the historical significance of the temple and how God relates to His people over time, read the passages below and write down the action words you find.

Covenant: Genesis 17:3-8

3 Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, 4 "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. 5 No longer will you be called Abram^[a]; your name will be Abraham^[a] for I have made you a father of many nations. 6 I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. 7 I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. 8 The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God."

Tabernacle: Exodus 25:8

⁸ “Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.

Temple: 1 Kings 6:11-13

¹¹ The word of the Lord came to Solomon: ¹² “As for this temple you are building, if you follow my decrees, observe my laws and keep all my commands and obey them, I will fulfill through you the promise I gave to David your father. ¹³ And I will live among the Israelites and will not abandon my people Israel.”

Jesus: John 1:14

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Holy Spirit: 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

¹⁶ Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in your midst? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy that person; for God’s temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.

What might these verses tell you about how God relates to us? What do they reveal about the character of God?

How is the character quality you chose above important for us today as followers of Jesus?

2. In this weekend’s message, Jesus predicted the fall of the temple. As we just read in 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, our bodies become a new temple and a home for the Holy Spirit. Do you ever struggle with seeing your body as a temple where the Holy Spirit lives? Or does this concept come easy to you?

It’s no small thing to comprehend that God now lives in us. In order to better understand what that means, read John 14:15-27 where Jesus describes what we can expect. As you read, write down what Jesus commands of us and what He promises us.

John 14:15-27 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be ¹⁸ in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who

loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

²² Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?”

²³ Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Commands us	Promises us

Jesus gave several names for this new helper. How might someone experience the Holy Spirit as a Counselor, the Spirit of Truth or the Advocate?

3. As we discussed this weekend, the end times are coming. At the end of Jesus’ ministry, He gives us what is often called the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:18-20. This can be intimidating, especially if we think we have to do it on our own. Fortunately, we have a Great Counselor to help us. What role do you think the Holy Spirit might play in helping us live out these commands?

Matthew 28:18-20 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Is there a friend, family member, co-worker, classmate or neighbor that you might want to reach out to this week?

TAKING IT HOME

Looking back at this week's message and study, what's most important for you to remember and why?

PRAYER REQUESTS



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