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A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF MATTHEW

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Go Deeper Study Guide

Christ's Return | Matthew 24:1-51

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Getting Started

What did you find most helpful from this week's sermon? Was anything confusing? Is there anything that needs clarification? Discuss as a group. If you haven't heard the sermon yet, you can access it at: www.cbventura.org

Going Deeper

Re-read **Matthew 24:1-51**. Try comparing two different translations. Take some time as a group discussing your observations.

Talk about some dangerous attitudes/perspectives when studying **End Time** events. Where do these attitudes lead? How can we avoid this?

What's the Tribulation? How long will it last? How might **verse 22** of our passage change this? What happens at the midpoint of the Tribulation? Read **Daniel 9:27**.

How did the **Early Church** & **Church Fathers** view the **Rapture & Second Coming** differently than many today? Discuss

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 & Revelation 20:4-5. Do you see any challenges/tensions between these texts? How can we harmonize them?

Read 2 Thessalonians 2:3-12. What confusion is the Apostle Paul addressing? What does he teach? Compare this with Jesus' own words to His disciples in verse 15 of our passage.

What's the best way that we can prepare for the End Times? Discuss some of the ways that knowing God's Word helps us.

Discuss each aspect of the Second Coming described in this sermon quote:

"The Second Coming will be Personal, Physical, Visible, Unexpected, Triumphant and Glorious!"

Millard Erickson, Christians Theology, pp. 1195-1197.

Application

How will the knowledge of Christ's imminent return affect your life right now?

Prayer

How can your group pray for you?



