

Sermon Notes

When It's All Said and Done Part 1

November 5th – 6th, 2022

- **When It's All Said and Done**
- **Part 1: Jesus is Coming Back!!**
 - From the Bible, we know Jesus is coming back! There are many, many references...
 - Our last series "Saul to Paul" finished up with **2 Timothy 4:7-8**
 - The reward is for those who "long for His appearing."
 - **2 Peter 3:3-13** covers a lot!
 - Scoffers will dismiss the second coming. (v3-4)
 - Destruction and judgement are coming...like a thief. (v7, 10, 12)
 - What to do while we are waiting. (v11)
 - The heart of God in all of this. (v8-9)
- Paul and Peter were quite convinced that Jesus is coming back. How did they get under that impression?
 - Well, the angels at the ascension told the disciples. **Acts 1:3-11**
 - And Jesus mentioned it quite a lot! Great example is Matthew 24. There is a lot here, straight from Jesus, so we will take some time to work through it. Start with **Matthew 24:1-14**
 - **Matthew 24:1-3**, the disciples ask when the end will come.
 - I wonder what they meant by "sign of your coming?" Coming to power??
 - **Matthew 24:4-5** is hugely important! Don't let an end times teacher or end times theology or false messiah mess you up!!
 - Harold Camping example from 2011. Billboards, caravans, and it was just a mess.
 - I think he was honest but deceived. Different from some false messiahs....
 - However, this shows Jesus' prophecy to be true.
 - **Matthew 24:6-8** describes wars, famines, and natural disasters...but not the end.
 - Jesus warns here that it will be a long time. All this just the beginning of birth pains.
 - **Matthew 24:9** Jesus describes great persecution.
 - Certainly happened in New Testament times, and persecution has ebbed and flowed through history. Potential for increased religious intolerance is here now.
 - **Matthew 24:10-12** predicts 4 things that will come from persecution that we need to avoid!!
 - 1) Many will turn away from the faith.
 - We are seeing that, but not always from persecution...
 - 2) They will betray and hate each other. The church will be divided.
 - This has certainly happened for various reasons.
 - 3) False prophets will deceive many. Yep.
 - Anyone who takes followers away from Jesus to them is a false prophet...
 - 4) The love of most will grow cold.
 - This is the failure to do **Romans 12:21**.
 - **Matthew 24:13** is where we want to be!!
 - Stand firm! Don't turn from the faith, don't betray and yield to hate, don't let yourself be deceived by people, keep the love in your heart always!!!
 - **Matthew 24:14** is pretty interesting.
 - We are only a few years away from translating the Bible into all known languages.
 - Could it be that the time is short??
- Jesus said something interesting at the last supper: **Matthew 26:26-29**.
 - Did this mean Jesus waited for the 12 some decades later...or is Jesus waiting until we are all together?
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