

Sermon Notes

When It's All Said and Done Part 2

November 12th – 13th, 2022

- **When It's All Said and Done**
- We did a survey at Easter time last year for sermon topics. End Times was at the top!
 - o Some stuff we know, some we are guessing at. We'll talk about some of each!
- **Last Week: Jesus is Coming Back!!**
 - o Not just "die and go to heaven" but Jesus will return and reign!
 - o This was something the New Testament Church saw as immanent and of primary focus. Us?
- **Part 2: Tribulation and Rapture**
- Two very important concepts in the end times discussion are the hardships/destruction/wrath that is coming to the earth called the "Great Tribulation" and the rescue of the faithful by God called the "Rapture."
- Last time we read a lot of Scripture...which will continue in this series...and we landed on **Matthew 24**.
 - o That conversation was started with an apparent reference to the Great Tribulation, **Matt 24:1-2**.
- This week we cover **Matthew 24:15-35**. Let's read that section and then look a little closer.
 - o Great Tribulation
 - o **Matt 24:15-21** is definitely "Great Tribulation" stuff. The name come from v21!
 - Read Revelation and you get some crazy pictures of hardships/destruction/wrath as well:
 - **Revelation 16:1-4, 8, 10, 12, 17-21**
 - What do we know for sure?? Looks like judgement is coming to those who deserve wrath!
 - Not just Heaven and Hell, but wrath on the Earth...at some point...somehow...
 - o Rapture: Not just the wrath of God, but rescue from evil for the faithful!
 - o **Matthew 24:30-31**. Jumping ahead a little, **Matthew 24:40-41**.
 - **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** describes this rapture a little more...
 - Dead in Christ will rise first...not sure of timing, but I think each goes at their time.
 - Those who are alive will "meet the Lord in the air." Sounds like rapture to me!
 - **1 Corinthians 15:51-58** tells us even more!
 - The trumpet sounds (**Matt 24:31**), the dead are raised (again, timing??), but those who remain are changed!! (v52)
 - Changed from perishable to imperishable, from mortal to immortal!! (v53)
 - To be raised into the glorified body would be awesome, to have it happen in the moment and experience it would be beyond anything I can think of!!
- Next week we look at the disciples' question from **Matthew 24:3**.
 - o Everyone seems to want to know when!
 - Some seems to have happened...**Matthew 24:2**, A.D. 70, **Matthew 24:34**.
 - Some certainly hasn't happened, like what we read in **Matthew 24:30-31**.
 - o So, next week we explore the questions surrounding when and what order...
- Today, let's land the plane by going back to **1 Corinthians 15:51-58**.
 - o The prophecy, v51-52. The promise, v53-55. The process, v56-57. The plan, v58.
 - If you believe the prophecy and the promise, then go through the process.
 - If you have gone through the process, then live out the plan!!
- Get personal prayer by emailing prayer@goodhope.ag.