

Message Notes | End of the World

Part 1: What We Know

Matthew 24

→ it's all over the news

#1 Jesus talked about the end because he wanted to _____ you, not to _____ you.

→ Jesus' coming and the end of the age - **vs. 3**

→ avoid these deceptions and distractions - **vs. 4-8**

**#2 Catastrophes are _____ that the end is _____.
They are not _____ that the end is _____.**

→ what the end will really be like - **vs. 29-30, Luke 21:25-28**

#3 Look forward to the end.

_____.

→ when the end will be here - **vs. 36-44**

**#4 It is our job to _____
and _____ the next generation.**

Group Questions | End of the World

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1. What is something from the message that encouraged you, challenged you, or inspired you to dig deeper?
2. What value is there in studying what Jesus taught about the end of the world?
3. While awareness about the end is a good thing, too much focus on the future can be a bad thing. What are some signs that a person is becoming too consumed by thoughts or theories about the end of the world?
4. **Read Matthew 24:4-8.** The disciples asked Jesus about the end of the world after he told them that the temple in Jerusalem would be reduced to rubble. Why do you think massive catastrophes (or threats of catastrophes) lead us to wonder if the end is near?

How did Jesus teach his disciples to respond to catastrophes?
5. **Read Matthew 24:29-30.** Jesus said that all peoples (or tribes) of the earth will mourn at his second coming. Why would this day that brings joy to some cause mourning for others?
6. On the one hand, we want to be faithful stewards of what God entrusts to us in this life. On the other hand, we don't want to be so attached to things that we mourn them at his second coming. What are some signs that a person is becoming too attached to the things of this world, and how can you avoid it?
7. What's one thing that would change this week if you were able to live fully prepared for the end of the world?

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→ Jesus' coming and the end of the age - **vs. 3**

→ avoid these deceptions and distractions - **vs. 4-8**

#2 Catastrophes are reminders that the end is coming. They are not signs that the end is here.

→ what the end will really be like - **vs. 29-30, Luke 21:25-28**

#3 Look forward to the end. The best is yet to come.

→ when the end will be here - **vs. 36-44**

#4 It is our job to keep watch and prepare the next generation.

Bible Reading for Today

Matthew 24

⁴ Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁵ For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many. ⁶ You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁷ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these are the beginning of birth pains.

³⁰ "Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. ³¹ And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

³⁶ "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

⁴² "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.