

Week 7 - What Did Jesus Say About the End Times?

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WHO IS JESUS?

LifeGroup Discussion Guide

How to use This Guide:

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Begin with the discussion questions, add any optional scriptures and questions if needed, and then wrap up by deciding on your next steps.

Discussion Questions:

Begin your study by sharing thoughts on this question.

Do you remember hearing any predictions of the end of the world? What did you think at the time?

Read Mark 13:1-37

- Why did the Jews think the temple could not possibly be destroyed? Do we feel the same way about certain buildings, institutions, or denominations?
- What is discouraging about Jesus' predictions of end times? What is encouraging about having the predictions before the events happen?
- What recent and current events appear to be fulfilling this prophecy? What should we do in light of these events?
- How can persecution of Christians result in the spread of Christianity? What are some recent examples? How is this encouraging?
- In what context should you not "worry beforehand what you will say"? Does this mean we should not practice our testimony, study apologetics, or prepare for hypothetical theological debates?
- When we see that "death" is a possible result of persecution, what should be our Christian attitude toward death? Why is this sometimes difficult to take to heart?
- What are the indications in this text that God is completely in control of events all the way to the end of time? How is this encouraging?
- What value is there in studying current events and analyzing whether they are fulfilling the prophecies of the end of time? What should we be doing with our time and talents while we wait?
- How does a failed prediction of the rapture harm the church? How does the false doctrine that Jesus will never physically return harm the church?
- How would you respond to someone who says he knows the precise date when Jesus will return?
- How would you respond to someone who says that Jesus could not come tomorrow because the things that are supposed to occur first have not happened?

For Further Study: Compare Mark 13 with Matthew 24 and Luke 21:5-36. Determine how they agree and how they differ.

For Thought and Discussion: Is there anything Christians can do to speed up the second coming of Christ? If so, what is it? If not, why not?

Next Steps

What was your biggest take-away from the weekend message?

What did God say to you today through His Word? And what are you going to do about it!
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