

Digging Deeper Study
We Believe – Jesus’ Return/Heaven
Week of August 31st, 2025

<p>Jesus’ Return/Heaven</p> <p>3 As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. “Tell us,” they said, “when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”</p> <p>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</p>	<p>“In essentials, unity; (1 Corinthians 12:12-13) in non-essentials, liberty; (Romans 14:1) in all things, charity.” (John 13:34)</p> <p>Sermon QUOTE Statement: Jesus is coming back, and He wants us to be aware of the signs that signal His return is near. But He doesn't want us to sit idly by as we wait. His return draws closer each day, which leads us to an important question: Are we living on mission?</p> <p>Opening Questions:</p> <p>When you think of Jesus’ Return, what comes to your mind?</p> <p>Jesus’ Return:</p> <p>Here is how Jesus speaks about the signs of his coming and the end of the age. Read Matthew 24:3-14</p> <p>How does deception come into play? How are we given ways to combat the deception that will come?</p> <p>What is the importance of believing there is only one Christ? Why is there only one Christ?</p>
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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.

9 “Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. 10 At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, 11 and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. 12 Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, 13 but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Jesus mentions wars and rumors of wars, but that we should not be alarmed. These are described as the beginning of the birth pains. Why should we not be thrown off by wars and rumors of wars?

V9 talks about disciples being persecuted, hated, and put to death. And that many will turn away from the faith at that time.

What are the biggest temptations for you to want to turn away from your faith? What is the appeal in it?

V11 – talks about false prophets appearing. Ones who would claim Christ but change His message, speaking what people want to hear. Again what is the temptation in wanting to Change Jesus’ message? How do we guard ourselves against these false prophets?

V12 talks about an increase of wickedness resulting in the love of most will growing cold. Are you ever tempted to let your love grow cold? Do you ever notice your love growing cold because of an increase in wickedness? What are ways that you can fan the flame of love back in your heart?

V13 gives us a message of hope. How can standing on this promise help you endure till the end?

V14 gives us the final piece as to why Christ hasn’t returned yet. How does knowing this change our outlook on Jesus’ return, and our part to play in it?

<p>³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”</p> <p>⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”</p> <p>⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”</p>	<p>Consider Jesus’ final words to His disciples, in Acts 1:3-11.</p> <p>Where were the disciples focused?</p> <p>What did Jesus want the disciples to concern themselves with?</p> <p>How does this help us recognize what Jesus would have for us while we await His return?</p> <p>In what ways do you feel called to share the gospel? What is your approach in this?</p> <p>Take prayer requests And Close in Prayer.</p>
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⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.

¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”