

End Times | Anchored

WEEK NINE | PASTOR BOB JOHNSTON

Jesus is returning!

KNOW

Know - that Jesus is coming again.

- ◇ 100 verses regarding His 1st coming.
- ◇ 200 plus verses regarding His 2nd coming
- ◇ 2 Timothy 3:1-7 (v.1 This “know” in greek is ginosko, which means “emphatic” or “absolutely certain”)
- ◇ To know beyond a shadow of doubt.

Signs of the Lord's Return

- ◇ False Christs, false religion.
- ◇ Wars and conflict.
- ◇ Nation against nation.
- ◇ Famines, pestilences and earthquakes.
- ◇ Persecution of Christians.
- ◇ The Gospel being preached in all the world
 - Matthew 24:14 “and then shall the end come.”

So How Should We Live?

- ◇ Maranatha!
 - Used in the Early Church as a salutation.
- ◇ It means “the Lord is coming, soon!”
- ◇ Read 2 Peter 3:3-9

SCRIPTURES

Luke 12:40
 John 14:1-3
 1 Thessalonians 4:15
 James 5:8
 2 Peter 3:3
 Jude 14
 Revelation 22:20
 2 Timothy 3:1-7

2 PETER 3:8-9

“But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

GROW | Small Group Questions

The Bible guides us toward and reveals to us the person of Jesus (the Word who became flesh). As the body of Christ, we are responsible for stewarding the principles, obeying the commands, and proclaiming the truths of God's word to our world.

1. Read Matthew 24 together and note the following:
 - a. What are the signs that point to the soon return of Jesus?
 - i. Do we see any of these signs today? Discuss.
 - b. How does Jesus instruct his disciples to respond as they see these signs? What attitude should they have? Discuss.

2. Look at Matthew 24:14 again. The Gospel of the Kingdom is Good News - so how does this fit into all of this? Discuss.
 - a. How are you proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel through your days? Share an example, if possible.

3. Pastor Bob mentioned there were over 100 verses written before the birth of Jesus, stating he would be born, and over 200 verses that state He is coming back! As believers of Jesus - how should we prioritize our lives with the hope of his return?

4. God's plan and purpose for the world has been prophesied and proclaimed throughout the Scriptures. Pastor Bob said, believers who are anchored in the Word can know for certain the signs of Jesus' return
 - a. Why is it important to know the signs of the return of Jesus? (think about the signs we see on our roads, for example)
 - b. Why is it important to understand the times we live in?

GO

The topic of the End Times can be dreary to some, but for believers, it shouldn't be. God knows the whole story, and for those who believe and belong to Him, it always has a happy ending.

How well do you know the sections of the Bible which speak of the end of the age?

Set aside one evening this week to check out the GKM Toolbox (link below), and begin to study the resources available there regarding the End Times.

