



Christmas Countdown Week 4

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Fill in your own notes from today's message here:

THE FINAL COUNTDOWN IS NOT VERY CHRISTMAS RELATED...OR IS IT?

LET ME EXPLAIN: BETWEEN OLD TEST AND NEW...HOW MANY YEARS? 400!

THE SILENT YEARS...COUNTING DOWN THE ARRIVAL OF THE MESSIAH!

THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES SAID HE WAS COMING:

Isaiah 7:14 GW So the Lord himself will give you this sign: A virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and she will name him Immanuel [God Is With Us].

Micah 5:2 LB "O Bethlehem...you are but a small village, yet you will be the birthplace of my King..."

Isaiah 61:1 ERV The Spirit of the Lord God is on me. The Lord has chosen me to tell good news to the poor and to comfort those who are sad. He sent me to tell the captives and prisoners that they have been set free.

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH WRITTEN IN ROUGHLY 700 BC THE BOOK OF LUKE WRITTEN IN ROUGHLY 90AD...ABOUT 789 YEARS BETWEEN! JESUS ARRIVES AND SAY THIS:

Luke 4:18-19 GNT "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has chosen me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed and announce that the time has come when the Lord will save his people."

THE TIME HAS COME! I'M HERE! REMEMBER THE VIRGIN PROPHECY?

MATTHEW WRITES HUNDREDS OF YEARS LATER...

Matthew 1:21-23 ERV She will give birth to a son. You will name him Jesus. Give him that name because he will save his people from their sins." All this happened to make clear the full meaning of what the Lord said through the prophet: "The virgin will be pregnant and will give birth to a son. They will name him Immanuel." (Immanuel means "God with us.")

AND FOR THOSE KEEPING SCORE...3 FOR 3 INCLUDING MICAH PASSAGE TO MATTHEW!

Matthew 2:1 ERV Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem...

BIBLICAL SCHOLARS OVER 300 PROPHECIES FULFILLED BY JESUS!

WHAT GOD PROMISES WILL HAPPEN!

JESUS PROMISES TO COME AGAIN! COUNTING DOWN HIS RETURN!

Revelation 22:12-17 ERV “Listen, I am coming soon! I will bring rewards with me. I will repay everyone for what they have done.

2 Peter 3:9 ERV The Lord is not being slow in doing what he promised...But God is being patient with you. He doesn't want anyone to be lost. He wants everyone to change their ways...

CHANGED! NOT SELFISH...GIVING...DOING THE WORK GOD GAVE YOU!

Luke 12:43 ERV When the master comes back and finds him doing the work he gave him, it will be a day of blessing for that servant!

BUT HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT TO DO? JESUS WAS VERY CLEAR!

Matthew 25:31-36 MSG “When he finally arrives...the Son of Man will take his place on his glorious throne. Then all the nations will be arranged before him and he will sort the people out...the King will say to those on his right, ‘Enter...Take what’s coming to you in this kingdom...And here’s why:

I was hungry and you fed me...

I JUST DON'T KNOW WHY WE FEED “THOSE PEOPLE”! NOW YOU DO!

...I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was homeless and you gave me a room, I was shivering and you gave me clothes, I was sick and you stopped to visit, I was in prison and you came to me.’

IT'S VERY SIMPLE: LISTEN TO JESUS

Matthew 25:39-40 MSG Then the King will say, ‘I’m telling the truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.’

WHO IS OVERLOOKED AND IGNORED?

JESUS SAYS... “WHEN YOU ARE WITH THEM, I AM WITH YOU!”

COUNTING DOWN TILL HIS RETURN? UNTIL THEN...SOLVE SOME PROBLEMS!

THERE IS PLENTY TO CHOOSE FROM...DON'T IGNORE OR OVERLOOK!

I'VE HEARD IT SAID THAT CHURCH IS BORING... MAYBE BECAUSE WE THINK IT'S THIS HOUR...SONG AND SERMON AND SITTING!

THAT IS BORING! THAT'S NOW WHY JESUS SAVED YOU!

SAVED TO SOLVE PROBLEMS! JUST LOOK AROUND...WHAT IS BEING IGNORED? WHO IS OVERLOOKED? HOW CAN YOU HELP?

IT WILL BE FAR FROM BORING!