

Bible study for the week starting December 1, 2019 Behold! He is Coming!

SHARE

1. What do you do to get ready for Christmas? What is a tradition you've been doing a long time that if you didn't, it just "wouldn't feel like Christmas"? Take a few minutes to share and reflect on why that particular tradition is so meaningful to you or your family.

READ

- 2. Read Isaiah 2:1-5. These verses talk about "the latter days," when "all nations will flow to it." What else do you see in that description that is about joy for all the people?
- 3. Read Romans 13:8-14. "Now is the day of salvation." What do you do with that phrase? What does it motivate in you? With this kind of urgency, why are we so often not that urgent?
- 4. Read Matthew 24:35-44. Jesus is speaking about the last day, when He will return to judge the living and the dead. What is Jesus' purpose in speaking of these events? Knowing His purpose, how does it help you understand things that might otherwise be confusing?

PRAY FOR AND WITH ONE ANOTHER!

5. The recurring phrase in the message was "hope in God's promises and trust in God's faithfulness." Pray for one another and the ways we often struggle with this. Remember: God's timing is perfect!



Behold! He is coming! Matthew 24:35-44 December 1, 2019 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

"Behold! He is <u>COMING</u> with the clouds, and every eye will see him... -Revelation 1:7

God's timing is always <u>PERFECT</u>, which requires from me <u>HOPE</u> in God's promises and <u>TRUST</u> in God's faithfulness.

God's timing:

- "Where were you when I laid the <u>FOUNDATION</u> of the earth?...when the morning <u>STARS</u> sang together..." -Job 38:4
- "But when the <u>FULLNESS</u> of <u>TIME</u> had come..." -Gal. 4:4
- "...you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For <u>SALVATION</u> is <u>NEARER</u> to us now than when we first believed" -Rom. 13:11
- "But concerning that day and hour <u>NO ONE</u> knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only" -Matt. 24:36

Therefore you also must be <u>READY</u>, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. -Matthew 24:44

It will be like in the days of NOAH...

You can't have one without the other:

- <u>SALVATION</u> without condemnation
- **SAVIOR** without sin
- HEAVEN without hell
- **<u>READY</u>** without unprepared

God is about to do something...