



Ogden Church Message Guides

Date of Message: April 14, 2024

Series: Signs of the Times

Text: Matthew 24:15-28; Hebrews 12:1-2

Main Idea: Jesus is preparing our hearts for his return

Descriptions of preparedness

- Being unattached
- Surviving temporary pain
- Looking for unmistakable signs

Questions for Discussion

Literacy Questions

- What is the context for this passage? What has come before, what happens next?
- What is the Jesus helping people see in each of the following sections: Matt. 24:15-18; 24:19-22; 24:23-28?
- What is Jesus' purpose in singled out specific groups of people who will struggle more when the times of trouble come?
- What is the significance of Jesus return coming with *unmistakable* signs? How would this have been applicable in Jesus day? How is this applicable today?

Application Questions

- Are there things in your life that you struggle to imagine being able to walk away from in order to follow God obediently?
- What type of material "stuff" can you find yourself fixated on?
- How should/does Christ change our perspective in struggle? Why can it be so hard to live into this type of perspective?
- Do you find yourself looking for "signs" that cause you to depend on yourself and your competency?
- What cheap substitutes are you drawn to instead of Jesus?