

THE “WHO TOLD YOU?” SERIES

A STUDY IN DISCERNING THE VOICES OF OUR DAY

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

Who Told You

About The End Times ? – Part 3

discerning the voices of our day and knowing what to do about what you hear

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

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Introduction and overview to the series - John 16:1-13

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John 16:1-13

“These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. 2 They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service. **3** And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me. **4** But **these things I have told you**, that when the time comes, **you may remember that I told you of them.** “And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you. **:5** “But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ **6** But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. **7** Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. **8** And when He has come, He will (1) convict the world of sin, and (2) of righteousness, and (3) of judgment: **9** of sin, because they do not believe in Me; **10** of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; **11** of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. **:12** **“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13** However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, **He will guide you into all truth;** for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and **He will tell you things to come.**

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5.) Why would God tell us that He is coming back ?

5a.) Because He has a day of separation in-store.

5b.) Because He has a promise to keep.

5c.) Because He has a scheduled a meeting.

As we continue on in a “special” with a special series...
The Timing Could Not Have Been Better for Us

The Events of This Week Alone Have Been Epic:
Earthquakes / Hurricanes / Israel / North Korea

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5.) What effect should these days have upon my life ?

If here in John’s Gospel, Jesus tells us that He has commissioned the Holy Spirit to not only be with us until the end but to instruct us about the end, then it begs this question – what effect should these days have upon my life?

**this is not a foreign question to any serious thinker
it was the genesis to the question of the disciples themselves.**

**In Eschatological terms / Matthew 24-25 has nothing to do with
the period of the church age. Matthew 24-25 covers the events of the seven year tribulation
period and the days leading up to it. Yet There is profound truth for us to know.**

Matthew 24:1-8

Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. 2 And Jesus said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.” - :3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” :4 And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, “I am the Christ,” and will deceive many. 6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. 8 **All these are the beginning of sorrows.**

Matthew 24:8 The Weymouth New Testament

But all these miseries are but like the early pains of childbirth.

Matthew 24:8 ESV

All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

Clearly is Jesus teaching that, as time progresses toward the End of Days
- there will be a “way” to be ready. There will be a “logic” a “reason”
that will govern the believer.

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5d.) Let’s be discerning, perceptive and aware.

We’ve watched Floridians attempt to either escape hurricane Irma
or hunker-down to ride it out.

Either way – people prepared as they deemed necessary.

According to the Bible – There’s a Hurricane of Evil approaching

James 1:21-22 NIV

Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly
accept the word planted in you, which can save you. :22 Do not merely listen
to the word, and so deceive yourselves.

The Word of God is a Light & Lamp for Life

Psalm 119:130

The entrance of Your words gives **light**; It gives **understanding** to the simple.

The Christian is to be governed & guided by His Light.

2 Peter 3:3-7,11-12

Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after
their own lusts, **4** And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since
the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of
the creation. **5** For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God
the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the
water: **6** Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water,
perished: **7** But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word
are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition
of ungodly men.... :**11** Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved,
what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,
12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God,

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5e.) Let’s be enduring, persistent and longsuffering.

2 Timothy 4:1-5

I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: **2 Preach** the word! **Be ready** in season and out of season. **Convince, rebuke, exhort**, with all **longsuffering** and **teaching**. **3 For the time will come when** they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; **4** and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. **5** But you **be watchful** in all things, **endure** afflictions, **do the work** of an evangelist, **fulfill** your ministry.

What does it mean to endure, persist, long-suffer ?
(to put up with under pressure-ing issues – faith challenging issues)

Matthew 5:10-11

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 “Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Luke 21:19

By your **patience possess** (secure, anchor, tie down) your souls.

patience grk: **hupomone**, *hoop-om-on-ay*’; from 5278; by deep-seated joy endure with constancy, patience, continuance (to eagerly waiting).

This is the “How” to wait

Luke 12:37

Blessed are those servants whom the master, **when** he comes, will find **watching**.

Mark 13:32-37

“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. **33** Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. **34** It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. **35** Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning— **36** lest, coming suddenly, he find you **sleeping**. **37** And what I say to you, I say to all: **Watch!**”

gregoreuo, *gray-gor-yoo´-o*;

urgently, fight off the temptation to sleep. stay awake, do not close your eyes.
be vigilant and surround yourself with others who are awake !

Church listen carefully, and you judge these words.

But I believe according to Scripture – it would not be right for me to trust anyone who teaches, says or suggests that Jesus Christ cannot come back at any moment or at any hour or today. I stay clear of those who suggest that “expecting Jesus to come soon” is a waste of time.”

(beware, beware, be wary, wary, wary because Heffalumps and Wozzles are very confusels)

Jesus is someday going to reward your faithfulness to Him.

The Bible says He’s going to give us Crowns

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| 1. The Imperishable Crown | 1Corinth8inas 9:24-25. |
| 2. The Crown of Rejoicing | 1Thessalonians 2:19 |
| 3. The Crown of Righteousness | 2Timothy 4:8 |
| 4. The Crown of Glory | 1Peter 5:4 |
| 5. The Crown of Life | Revelation 2:10 |

All of these Crowns will be our reward

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5f.) Let’s be excited, joyful, expectant and enthusiastic.

we are to be living in a state of expectancy.
(momentary expectancy = possessing an imminent hope)

**Jesus taught that “the excitement level” ought to be
like that of a wedding between the Bride and the Groom
*and those invited - to a wedding !***

Listen to the “militancy” of Last Days Christianity
Gird Up / Cast Down / Take Captive / Be Ready

Luke 12:35-40

“Let your **waist** be **girded** and your **lamps** burning; **36** and you yourselves be like men who **wait** for their master, **when he will return from the wedding**, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. **37** Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find **watching**. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them. **38** And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. **39** But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. **40** Therefore you also be **ready**, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Wait grk: **prosdechomai**, *pros-dekh'-om-ahee*; to be waiting at the door or window “prepared to welcome”. to be joyfully anticipating someone’s arrival.

Ready grk: **hetoimos**, *het-oy'-mos*; from **heteos** (to be fit, adjusted, prepared, ready,

One Greek scholar writes “It is the highest form of hospitality that is implied here by virtue of the fact that the one who is doing the waiting isn’t waiting to receive the guest, but has already received the guest in the heart and mind as though the guest had already arrived. It is to rehearse again and again what it will be like when such a loved one finally arrives!”

What are the benefits to living with “enthusiastic expectation?”

It effects your conduct, lifestyle, decisions, practices
(it’s “enthusiastic expectation” that causes you to back your car into a
parking space cuz you can’t wait to leave)

**have you ever packed for a trip / vacation? I have a bag that’s
accessible, easy to pack and zip, ready to go**

“if you wanna look good while travelling – pack **black**.”

Black doesn't show the fact that I spilled my coffee. It doesn't show the chocolate from the krispy kreme I was not supposed to have.

But for the Christian Traveler – It’s all about wearing white!
We’re to be putting on the White Gown of His righteousness. This happens in my “day to day” in my heart and mind which comes out in lifestyle and beliefs.

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Keep your lamps burning.

fight to stay in fellowship. Resist the temptations to leave quick. Be on guard against compromise. It means we have a goal and purpose and mission that requires engagement

1 John 3:2-3

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that **when He is revealed**, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. **3** And everyone who has this **hope** in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Being “excited, joyful expectant and enthusiastic”

just might be the most demanding discipline of the Christian life -
To not only get ready and to be ready but to stay ready
(to be in a perpetual state of readiness)

a few questions please for us all ?

What actions are you taking to get ready to meet Jesus Christ?
What actions are you taking to be ready when Jesus Christ comes?
What actions are you going to take to be ready when He suddenly comes for you?

What will you be doing in that moment Jesus comes ?
Don't cha wanna be caught doing something wonderful ?

In the words of that immortal philosopher – Bob Dylan
“You've Got to Serve Somebody”

Romans 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

The Reason for the Cross / The Work of the Christ / The Need to make the Call.

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