

Read Mark 13:3-8 and Luke 21:7-11

What more do we learn from these parallel accounts of this interaction?

Did Jesus answer the questions asked? How?

What are some current examples of people claiming to be the Christ and, in fact, misleading many?

GOSPEL CONNECTION

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. ³⁶“But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe. ³⁷“All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. ³⁸“For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. ³⁹“This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰“For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.”

⁴⁴“No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.” John 6:35-40, 44

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.” John 14:6

APPLICATION

What is one thing you will do this week to guard yourself against false teachers (those claiming to come in the name of Jesus)?

MEMORY VERSE

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.”

2 Timothy 4:7-8 (ESV)

Sermon-Based Study Guide

// May 12, 2024 //

Sermon Series:
King Jesus

Ethan Johnson
Century Baptist Church

The Beginning of the Ending

Matthew 24:3-8

1. The wondering
2. The warning
3. The waiting

Sermon available at centurybaptist.org/watch/

Sermon-Based Community Life Group Study

// May 12, 2024 //

Our desire and goal is for all who call Century Baptist their church home to be involved in a community life group, Bible study, or missional community. We believe one of the best ways to be fed and exhorted in our faith is to interact with the Sunday sermon. This guide is a tool to facilitate that interaction.

The purpose of this guide is for all groups, studies, and communities to dive into the Sunday message through the study of Scripture together. If you are not in a group, we encourage you to take the step of involvement in community around your faith and the pursuit of faith in Jesus. This study guide can be used individually, however, the greatest benefit of growth in Scripture and faith comes when people are interacting together around Biblical truth and how God is at work in their lives.

Contact Pastor Paul Herr at 701.223.0478 to learn more about sermon-based community life groups, and leading or hosting a group.

OPENING UP

What is the purpose of signs? When do you look for signs?

Introduction to Matthew

Matthew, someone has said, followed Jesus—and took his pen with him. As a tax collector, he was used to writing and to gathering information together in a clear and ordered way. When Jesus called him to live the life of a disciple, Matthew (called Levi in other places) was destined to use his gifts to give us an ordered and carefully written account of who Jesus was and what he came to do. As a disciple himself, Matthew focuses on three things: the King whom disciples follow, the lifestyle his disciples follow, and the way in which people become disciples. The identification of Jesus as a king draws us back into the Old Testament, to themes and predictions which find their fulfillment in his life and work.

(Campbell, I. D. (2008). Opening up Matthew (p. 14). Leominster: Day One Publications.)

Read Matthew 24:3-8 (parallel texts: Mark 13:3-8; Luke 21:7-11)

What was one point or statement from the message that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Where does this account take place?

When does it happen?

What has preceded this interaction?

Who is present in this text?

What is being asked?

What did the disciples mean by, “the sign of your coming”?

What did the disciples mean by, “the end of the age”?

What is meant by, “will come in my name” (verse 5)?

How are verses 4 and 5 significant in the answer to the questions posed?

List those things Jesus mentioned as “the beginning of birth pangs.”

How does Jesus’ description regarding what is to take place give us insight into understanding this particular arena of Bible prophecy?