



Ready or Not - Week Two

“Stand Firm And You Will Have Life”

Luke 21:5-19

Being ready for God’s kingdom means standing firm against all others.

We’re a couple of weeks from Advent (still Pentecost, people)

This three-week series will help us prepare our hearts for Advent

We will always be surprised by Christ, but if our hearts are open, we can glimpse what we can do “in the meantime.”

Today, we are going to hear some words of Jesus that sound like the worst pep talk in the history of pep talks. Until it doesn’t.

“It’s The End of The World!” (Or Is It?)

There’s no shortage of end-of-the-world predictions.

Why do we do this? What’s behind it?

Escapism? Distraction? Romanticism?

Or a longing for something permanent in an impermanent world?

What do we need to hear in these moments to increase our trust?

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- A little history on Herod’s Temple & what the disciples meant.*
- Jesus interjects with one of his buzzkill moments—“Not one stone...”*
- Written after the destruction of the Temple, giving meaning to the event.*
- Apocalyptic statements offer a broad view, not predictive in nature.*
- After all the awful stuff, Jesus provides a word of hope to his hearers.*

The kingdoms of this world will rise and fall, life is unpredictable, but no matter what, stand firm, be faithful, and trust in God.

What Do We Need To Know?

- 1. Scripture teaches us about the cyclical nature of history (God’s purposes)*
- 2. God’s “Rescue Timer” is always at 11:59 (Revelation)*
- 3. Endurance and trust lead us to life, not despair or capitulation.*

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SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

FOR FURTHER READING:

The Way of Jesus Christ
Jurgen Moltmann

Practicing The Way
John Mark Comer

Jesus For Everyone: Not Just Christians
Amy-Jill Levine

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