

Dystopian Delusions

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“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.” (Matt. 24:42)

THE END OF THE WORLD is often portrayed in fictional books, television programs, and movies. The death and destruction that accompanies the end of days, according to the secular entertainment world, is very exciting. Who needs inspiration, encouragement, and motivation when we have characters like Katniss, Tris, Max, and Thomas? Dystopian apocalyptic tales seem to have replaced fairy tales in our culture.

For most of us, the end of time as depicted in Revelation is a very complicated subject. It is difficult to understand. There are many interpretations and many questions related to this section of God’s Word. However, when Jesus speaks to us, as He did during His teachings on the Mount of Olives, we are able to see a few things clearly.

We know we don’t and won’t know when Christ will come again. We know it will happen quickly. We know we must prepare and be ready for that day. And we know that we who believe in Him will have a future in heaven with our Lord. I doubt those events could be imagined by any Hollywood moviemaker. I have enjoyed many of the recent stories depicting heroism and survival in some imagined post-apocalyptic future world, but I’m abundantly thankful that Jesus told us precisely how to avoid anxiety about the future—by trusting Him.

Make yourself ready for His arrival, not tomorrow but today.

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FOCUS Wesleyan Church

In Christ Alone - “How to be ready for His Arrival”

Sermon Notes:

Matthew 24:3

Matthew 24:36-51

Genesis 7:12-17

Matthew 25:1-13

**1. The bridesmaids were _____
in many ways**

**2. One _____ difference
separated the wise from the
foolish**

Romans 8:14-17

**3. It is impossible to _____
faith**

Philippians 3:8-10

2 Peter 3:14

Reflection: What is one new thing you believe God spoke to you today as a result of worshipping at FOCUS?

The Word of God directs us as we consider what the **next step** is for our lives. What is your next step?

In what ways are you prepared and alert for Jesus’ return? What areas of your life do you feel are holding you back? What will you do today / this week to ensure that you are ready for His arrival? What do you need to stop doing or stay away from?

Challenge: This week I will pray for the following local civil servants:

Communion at FOCUS

Every Sunday at FOCUS we celebrate the Lord's Table, also known as Communion. We have open communion which means all are invited to receive. We receive communion elements by intinction. Tearing off a small piece of the loaf of bread, dipping it in the communion glass of juice, and then consuming it immediately. Please note, upon your request, we also have gluten free elements for those with gluten and other major food allergies.

FOCUS Local Board of Administration meeting

This Tuesday evening, **March 13, at 6:30 PM** the FOCUS Local Board of Administration will be meeting for our monthly business meeting.

More Than Funny - Tour Michael Jr. March 25, 7 PM

Tickets are between \$15-\$20 person. The event will be hosted by *Central Baptist Church* in Winchester. Please sign up today on the information desk if you would like tickets!

Wednesday Night Meal

We would like to invite you and your family to join us for supper this Wednesday night. The meal will be ready at 5:30 PM. You have been invited to come and share a delicious meal and uplifting fellowship with us.



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