

The Signs of the Time: the Second Coming of Christ

Sermon Topic: The signs of the times: the second coming of Christ

Bible Verse: Matthew chapter 24

Sermon Theme: Explaining from the standpoint of biblical reference that Christ is to come in the twentieth century.

Main idea: Jesus spoke clearly of the signs of the times that would indicate the time of his return (Matthew 24). By examining those signs, we can see Jesus was referring to the present time.

Signs that Jesus foretold in Matthew 24.

1. Many false Christs (Matthew 24:5). Today over 600 reported “Christs”.
2. Wars and rumors of war (Matthew 24:6-7). Many examples to draw from daily newspaper. But also mention three world wars in the 20th century.
3. Famines in diverse places (Matthew 24:7). More people starving today than at any time in history (a lot of statistical information available).
4. Disease and pestilence (Matthew 24:7). Cancer, the rise of venereal disease, suicide, etc. (again, a lot of statistical information available).
5. Earthquakes and unusual weather patterns (Matthew 24:7) (research; much information available).

Daniel 12:4 – even to the time of the end, many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall increase.

Based on this prophecy from the book of Daniel, a description of the uniqueness of the 20th century from the standpoint of the rise of science, technology, communication and travel is very effective and powerful. E.g., 99% of all scientists who ever lived in history are alive today.

Summary: We must be prayerful because it is the time of Christ's return. We must be ready to receive him when and how he appears.