

**Next Steps:** We have a lot of curiosity about what the future holds... not just for ourselves... but also for the whole world. Since the beginning of time people have been fascinated by the ending of time. Books have been written. Sermons have been preached. Ideas have been shared. Movies have been produced... and most of these things are based on speculation. But what does the Bible teach? What does Jesus say about His own return?

Read Matthew 24:1-14. What does Jesus say the beginning of the birth pains for the end of the age?

Why does Jesus give His followers these warnings? (Matthew 24:4)

Are Christians going to be spared these “pains of childbirth?” What does Jesus say to His disciples in John 16:33?

What are we encouraged to do as a result of knowing about the problems we will face? (Matthew 24:12-13)

What is the final sign given before the return of Jesus and how should we live our lives in response to this sign? (Matthew 24:14)

Read 2 Peter 3:1-18. How does Peter’s teaching parallel the teaching of Jesus? What is the Lord patiently waiting?

In 1 Corinthians 15:35-58 Paul talks about what our resurrection bodies will be like. How are we supposed to live in light of what Paul teaches about the resurrection (verse 58)?

**Next Week:** We will continue exploring what Jesus said about His return and the “end of the age.” If you have ever been curious about this subject you will want to join us as we look at His description outlined in Matthew, chapter 24.