

THE STORY OF GOD: JESUS' RETURN

MATTHEW 24:29-35 — MAR 7, 2010

Why is Jesus' return so important to His followers?

We are not yet free from sin — but when He returns He will free us from all sin.

We have trials — but when He returns He will end all our trials.

We suffer for the gospel — but when He returns all our suffering will be over.

We just know Jesus in part — but when He returns we will know Him fully.

What will happen when Jesus returns?

The entire cosmos will be transformed (v.29)

Jesus will be seen in power and great glory (v.30)

Unbelievers will mourn in anguish (v.30)
Rev 6:12-17

The elect will be gathered (v.31)

When will this happen?

He could return at any time (vv.32-34)

He will return certainly (v.35)

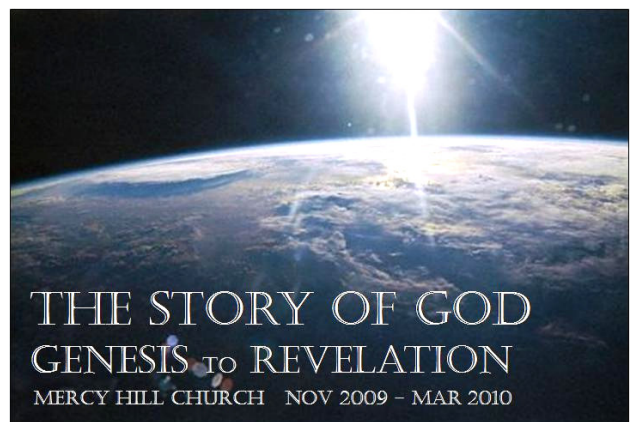
What does this mean for us?

Think often about Jesus' return.

Bend the knee and trust Jesus.

Seek Jesus to help you live for His return.

Be encouraged to keep following Jesus.



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

How often do you think of Jesus' return? Why so often / why so little?

How would your life changed if every day you thought of Jesus' return?

Can someone be genuinely saved who does not long for Jesus' return? Why or why not?

There's three possible responses to this passage: despair, go back to living as if everything will continue the same, earnestly seek Jesus to change your heart. Which is your tendency? Why?

How might the certainty of Jesus' return encourage you tonight?

What's your take-away from this message? What are you going to do differently? When? How?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

