



Sermon Outline
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Be Ready!

Matthew 24:1-8,
36-39

** People are making jokes about the end of the world like there's no tomorrow!*

*** The Bible asserts some _____ apocalyptic realities:**

1. The end is _____.

Revelation 21:1a - Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away...

2. It will be _____.

2 Peter 3:12b - That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.

3. It will usher in a _____.

2 Peter 3:13 - But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

We are not in the land of the living going to the land of the dying. We are in the land of the dying going to the land of the living. – Larry Moody

*** Jesus provided _____ principles to help us prepare for the end of the world** (Or the end of our life – whichever comes first):

1. Be _____ – The Principle of Readiness.

2. Keep _____ – The Principle of Watchfulness.

3. Plan _____ – The Principle of Preparedness.

*** The Principle of Readiness is important because:**

1. Inquiring minds are looking for a _____ so they can be prepared.

Vs. 3b - ...the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

*** Keep this in mind – how you believe it's going to happen will not determine how it all _____.**

2. The world will experience natural _____ which appears to be ushering in the last days.

Vs. 7-8 - Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.

3. As prepared as one may attempt to be, there will still be an element of _____.

Vs. 36 - But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

*** There will be evidence, but it will not be _____.**

Vs. 37 - As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

*** While we may be curious about the timeline, what we need to focus on is the _____.**

*** Everyone needs to be ready to meet their _____.**

Hebrews 9:28 - Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him.

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 - He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might.

*** God is giving as many as possible the opportunity. But time is _____!**