

## **You asked for it: *What does the bible say about the end of the world?* (Week 6)—Gabe Cleave**

The Bible is actually not very clear when it comes to the details of the end times, the end of the world and Jesus' second coming

There are lots of debates about the events and the details leading up to and including the end of the world and Jesus' second coming

### **The reality is this:**

- If God wanted us to have all the details...He would have given them to us, and if God wanted to be clearer about those details, He would have been

### **Resources**

We have done a couple sermon series that go more into detail about the end times and what happens after you die. You can look them up in our archived sermon series on our website and app...

- "1 Minute After You Die" sermon series.
- "Return of the King" sermon series
- End Times timeline

So, what does the Bible say however about the end of the world?

### **Matthew 24:3-13 (NLT)**

- False Messiahs
- Wars and rumors of wars
- Persecution
- False prophets
- Rampant sin
- The good news will be preached throughout the whole world

**Matthew 24:36-44 (NLT)**—No one knows the day or the hour

**2 Peter 3:8-10 (NIV)**—It will happen unexpectedly

**1 Timothy 4:1 (NLT)**—People will turn away from the true faith to follow after demons

**2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NLT)**

#### **1. There will be judgement.**

**2 Corinthians 5:10 (NLT)**—10 For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body.

**Revelation 20:11-15 (NLT)**—There is a real Hell (Lake of fire)

**Revelation 21:11-15 (NLT)**—There is a real heaven (New Heaven and new Earth)

#### **2. What really is important.**

We can get so caught up trying to figure out the details that God didn't give that we lose sight of what He did tell us, and that is this...Jesus is returning! And people are either going to go to heaven or to hell...

### **Matthew 7:13-14 & 21-23 (NLT)**

If you knew when Jesus was going to return and when the world would be destroyed how would that change the way you live?

**2 Peter 3:11-13 (NIV)— 11** Since everything around us is going to be destroyed like this, what holy and godly lives you should live,

How should I live now?

### **Romans 12 (NLT)**

#### **3. Are you ready?**

What is it that you need to do to be ready for the return of Jesus and the end of the world?

- Accept Christ
- Re commit your life
- Baptism
- Behave like a Christian
- Be bold in your faith
- Spread the good news

**For Small Group Discussion:** What stood out to you the most from this week's message?

**Opening Question:** What is the weirdest theory you have heard about how the world will end?

**Main Point:** Jesus is coming back. Though nothing is standing in the way of His return, God wishes none to be lost and all to be saved. Each of us has a part to play in that.

**Read/Tell the Story:** Matthew 25:14-46

**Head:**

- What do you think the talents represent? Do the talents from this parable represent money, or something else?
- As Christians we have the most valuable resource of all, the Word of God. Why do you think Jesus shared this parable at the end of His ministry?
- What is the primary message you see in verses 31-46?
- Since our time here is limited, what kind of person does Scripture say you should be?

**Heart:**

- Do you tend to be more fearful or more eager for Christ's return?
- How do you think God wants us to spend our time as we await His return?
- What does it look like in your life to wait with eager anticipation of Jesus' return and be a testimony to those who do not know Jesus?

**Hands:**

- Who do you know that needs to hear and receive the good news of the gospel?
- How does 2 Peter 3:9 give you hope in the waiting?
- How does 2 Peter 3:10 motivate you to action?
- Optional: Finish your time together by reading 2 Peter 3:8-18 together.

**Supporting Scripture:** 2 Peter 3:8-18, Revelations 21:1

**Tips and Resources:** <https://www.gotquestions.org/end-of-the-world.html>



**Sermon Series Resources:** <https://bit.ly/RLcurrentseries>