

Matthew – Part 11

The Teachings of Jesus about the Last Days

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing an exciting series of studies on The Gospel of Matthew. Our topic today: The teachings of Jesus about the Last Days

Scripture Theme Song: Praise Him the Heights (Ps. 148:1-4)

- 1) Rebuking the Scribes and Pharisees
 - a) Matthew 23:1-12
 - b) Matthew 23:13-15
 - c) Matthew 23:16-22
 - d) Matthew 23:23-24
 - e) Matthew 23:25-36
 - f) Why were the rebukes of Jesus so severe? (See Matthew 22:15; Matthew 23:37)
 - g) Did any respond to His appeals and repent?
 - h) What rebukes would Jesus give to us today? How should we respond?
- 2) Prophesying about the End of the Age
 - a) Matthew 24:1-14, 21-28, 32-33
 - b) What signs of Christ's coming and the end of the age do you see most clearly revealed in our day?
 - c) How would you respond to a skeptic who says, "There have always been events like that in every age." (See 2 Peter 3:3-4)
 - d) Jesus encourages us all to "endure to the end". What promises assure us that such endurance is possible?
- 3) Prophesying about the destruction of Jerusalem
 - a) Matthew 24:15-20
 - b) The disciples of Jesus thought the prophesy of Matthew 24:2 must be synonymous with the end of the age. Why was it difficult for them to imagine that God would allow the Temple in Jerusalem to be destroyed?
 - c) What unexpected losses might we experience as the people of God prior to the return of Jesus in glory?
- 4) Prophesying about His return in glory
 - a) Matthew 24:23-26 – If false christs will come, how can we discern the real Jesus from all imposters?
 - i) John 10:27-28
 - b) Matthew 24:27-31 – What important aspects of the return of Jesus are mentioned in this prophecy?
 - c) What other teachings of Jesus give us more information regarding His return in glory?
 - i) John 14:1-3
 - ii) 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17
 - d) Does Jesus teach about a Secret Rapture?
 - i) Matthew 24:36-42
 - ii) Luke 17:26-37
 - iii) The coming is not secret, but a surprise, and there is no second chance.
 - e) Matthew 24:42-51 – watch and be ready
 - i) How can we live as faithful servants in spite of the apparent delay in our Master's return?
 - ii) How can we be certain we are ready for His return?