



Series: Unexpected Messiah- The 11th Hour

Passage Matthew 24:36-51

Title: Living Ready for the Rapture

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Discussion Starter – How are God’s eternal attributes of justice and mercy both demonstrated in the rapture and the return of Christ? What is your response to God’s plan for the closing of this period of history?

The Days of Noah, (Matthew 24:36-41)

- What is “that day” referred to by Jesus? What information does Jesus give us regarding “that day”?
- How are the days of Noah like the coming of the Son of Man? What are the makeup of the people who were surprised? What would that look like today? Who are the people who were prepared? How prepared are you right now?

The Mystery, (1 Corinthians 15:49-53, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18)

- What is the biblical understanding of the term “Mystery”?
- What truth do we learn in verse 1 Corinthians 15:51, “we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed”? When does this change happen and what does it signify?
- 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 describes this event we call “the Rapture”. Why do we use that term? What is the literal meaning of the Latin term?
- Why are we given eternal bodies at this point in time?
- How was this message from Paul comforting to the church of Thessalonica? How are we as Christians today to see this message?

Watch, (Matthew 24:43-51)

- Jesus describes a thief breaking into a house. Who is the thief? What do we learn from this story?
- What can you do to prepare for the return of Christ?
- Jesus contrasts a “faithful and wise servant” with an “evil servant”. What are their different behaviors? What are their different outcomes?
- How does our faithfulness with current responsibilities affect our future?
- How is your faith affected by understanding this week’s teaching?