

The Words of Jesus

**THERE WILL
BE SIGNS**

LUKE 21:5-28

Eschatology: Study of the last or end times.

BELIEF (Merriam-Webster)

(1) a state or habit of mind in which trust or confidence is placed in some person or thing;

(2) something that is accepted, considered to be true, or held as an opinion; something believed.

BELIEF (Merriam-Webster) — cont.

(3) conviction of the truth of some statement or the reality of some being or phenomenon especially when based on examination of evidence



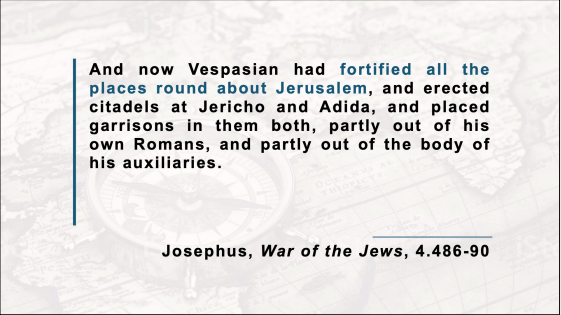
BELIEF (Pastors)

Mental affirmation fully lived it out in every action and aspect of our lives.



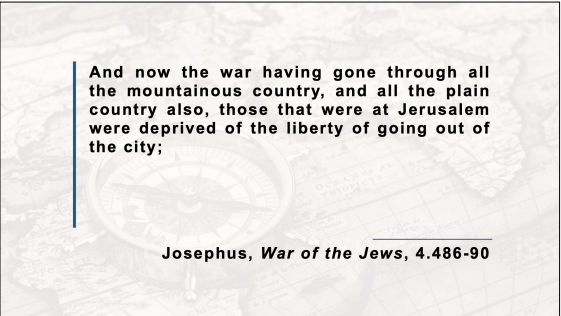
PROPHECIES FULFILLED

1. Destruction of the Temple (Luke 21:5-6)
2. Wars and Revolutions (Luke 21:9)
3. Persecution of Christians (Luke 21:12-19)
4. Jerusalem Surrounded by Armies (Luke 21:20)



And now Vespasian had fortified all the places round about Jerusalem, and erected citadels at Jericho and Adida, and placed garrisons in them both, partly out of his own Romans, and partly out of the body of his auxiliaries.

Josephus, *War of the Jews*, 4.486-90



And now the war having gone through all the mountainous country, and all the plain country also, those that were at Jerusalem were deprived of the liberty of going out of the city;

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for as to such as had a mind to desert, they were watched by the zealots; and as to such as were not yet on the side of the Romans, their army kept them in, by encompassing the city round about on all sides.

Josephus, *War of the Jews*, 4.486-90

PROPHECY FULFILLMENT (Debated)

5. The Great Tribulation (Luke 21:23-24)



Prophecies NOT Fulfilled

6. Cosmic Signs (Luke 21:25)



'After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

Matthew 2:1-2 (NIV)

MORE SIGNS OF THE END TIMES Matthew 24

⁹“Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. ¹⁰At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, ¹¹and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people.

Matthew 24:9-14 (NIV)

¹²Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, ¹³but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. ¹⁴And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Matthew 24:9-14 (NIV)

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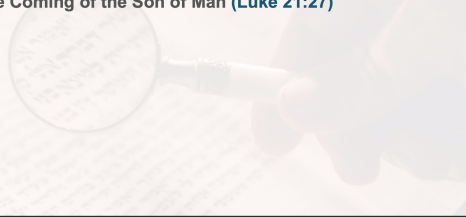
THE DISCIPLES EXCUSES REASONS

- * Peter - "My mother-in-law came in for the weekend."
- * Andrew - "I was up kinda late last night."
- * James (the son of Zebedee) - "Really needed some 'me' time."
- * John - "I was there last week. Besides, I'm not really being fed."
- * Philip - "Finally had a sunny day to hit the lake."
- * Bartholomew - "Had brunch scheduled with my Uncle Zeal."
- * Thomas - "I doubt it would have been any good today."
- * Matthew - "I had to get my taxes done."
- * James the son of Alphaeus - "My dad (Alphaeus) wanted to fish today."
- * Thaddaeus - "The kids needed a rest day."
- * Simon - "I didn't hear my alarm. Because I didn't set it. Because I don't have one."
- * Judas - "Getting tired of hearing the same old message."

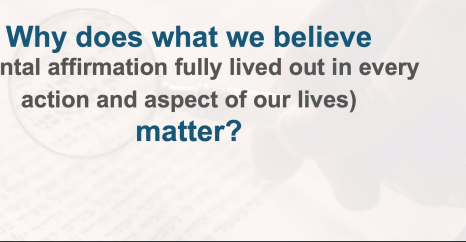
Going to church is not about checking a religious box off your 'make God happy' list. It's about being invested in the lives of others. Participating in the mission of the gospel. Loving and being loved. Following Jesus was never meant to be a solo experience. Pull up a seat at the table. It is a level table and there is room for all of us.

Prophecies NOT Fulfilled

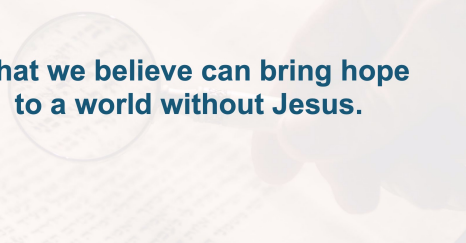
7. The Coming of the Son of Man (Luke 21:27)



**Why does what we believe
(mental affirmation fully lived out in every
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matter?**

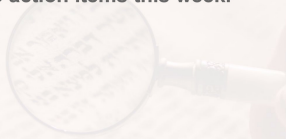


**What we believe can bring hope
to a world without Jesus.**



ACTION ITEM

1) No action items this week.



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