

'The Real Jesus' – Part 55 Matt 24v26-51

1) *Have you come across specific predictions for when Jesus will return? How convinced by them were you?*

2) Read the passage Matthew 24v26-51.

Was there anything Rich said that you found hard to hear? What was it and why?

3) a) Read the passage Mark 13v32-37 and Luke 12v40.

i) *What do these verses tell us about the exact time of Jesus' return?*

ii) *Do you believe it is possible to predict exactly when Jesus will appear by looking at prophecies in the Bible? Why?*

iii) *Have you ever considered not starting a long-term project (education, employment, relationship etc) because you thought Jesus would return soon?*

Mark 13v35 & v37 tell us to 'keep watch'.

iv) *What exactly does it mean for us to 'keep watch'? How could your life change in response to this command?*

b) Read James 5v7-8 and Rev 22v7

i) *What do they tell us about the time of Jesus' return?*

ii) *Do you think there is a contradiction or conflict between what these verses tell us and what Mark 13v32-37 and Luke 12v40 (above) tell us? Why?*

iii) *Would you be surprised if Jesus returned this week?*

iv) *How does the idea of Jesus returning soon make you feel? Why?*

v) *If you knew for a fact that Jesus would return in 30 days' time what would you do differently? How should your answer to this question affect your life now?*

c) *Has your view of Jesus' return changed at all over the last 2 weeks? If so, how?*

4) Digging Deeper Question – for those who want to study a bit extra

Read Daniel 7v9-14

- a) *In what ways is God described in this passage? What does this tell us about God?*
- b) *Who is the one 'like a son of man' in Daniel's vision?*
- c) *What do you think this passage tells us about Jesus' final return?*
- d) *What is the connection between v14 and Matthew 24v14?*
- e) *How does this passage encourage you to live well for Jesus now? Are there specific things you need to do?*

Please Pray:

King's Church Weddings: Please pray for all three of our couples who are getting married this summer. Jeff and Cat (**21st July**), Andy and Judy (**4th August**) and Ryan and Rosie (**11th August**). Pray that God will bless them as they start their new lives together.

Berlin: Please continue to pray that the target of having four Small Groups by October is reached. Also pray that the church plant will continue to grow.

Notices:

Movement - Men's Event 2012 with PJ Smyth. **Friday 13th - Saturday 14th July**. The event will commence at 10.30am on the Friday and run through till the late afternoon of the Saturday. Tickets cost £30 for a day or £35 for both days. You can still book in online at **www.movementevent.com**.

We are excited to have guest speaker **Santino Hamberis** from King's Church Hastings preaching here on **Sunday 15th July**. Don't miss it!

Church Treasure Hunt on **Sunday 15th July**. The treasure hunt starts at the building at 2pm and everyone will finish at the Grange by 5pm for a picnic tea together. Visitors are very welcome so this is a great opportunity to invite friends and family along. If you haven't already make sure you talk to your small group leaders about co-ordinating teams and arranging a bring-and-share picnic tea to share between your group and any guests you have invited.