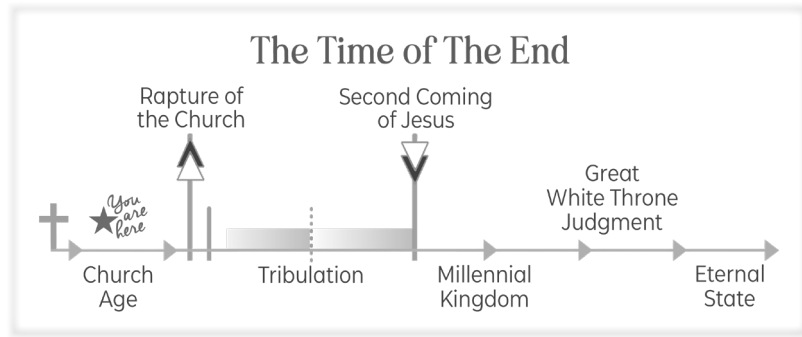


# The "Can't Miss" Event

MATTHEW 24:36-44



## I. The Rapture and the Second Coming are \_\_\_\_\_ events.

**"The Rapture"** the event when Christ miraculously and physically removes the church from the earth prior to the Tribulation

*The Second Coming of Christ as described in Matthew 24*

*The Rapture of the Church as described through the New Testament*

Concludes the Tribulation

Occurs before the Tribulation

Jesus comes to be with His own

The church is taken to be with Jesus

The church returns with Christ to the earth

The church meets Jesus in the air

Visible and noticeable to everyone on earth

Not described as visible to the entire earth

Will happen after Tribulation events

Can happen at any moment

## II. The Rapture removes Christ's church from the earth so they don't \_\_\_\_\_.

**rapture** to be caught up

For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

Jesus will suddenly come to take His own to be with Him. (John 14:1-3)

Jesus will suddenly come to transform His own to a glorified body. (1 Cor 15:50-53)

Jesus will suddenly come to save His own from the Tribulation. (Rev 3:10)

**The Rapture IS IMMINENT ...  
SO LIVE WITH The End IN MIND**

Don't \_\_\_\_\_ joining the family before the family trip.

Don't \_\_\_\_\_ to common things with uncommon affection.

Don't \_\_\_\_\_ your waiting to turn into doubting.

Living with  
**The  
End**  
in Mind

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OCTOBER 16, 2022

CHRIST CHAPEL  
BIBLE CHURCH

Living with **The End** in Mind  
DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

1. Describe what you know about the “days of Noah” in Matthew 24:37 (see Gen 6–7 for insight). How is our own time similar to Noah’s? How is it different?

**FOR THIS WEEK**

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:

**Matthew 24:42**

*“Therefore, stay awake,  
for you do not know  
on what day your Lord is coming.”*

JOURNAL:

**Matthew 24:36-44**

“As the Christian looks forward to relief from the present persecutions and difficulties, the promise is given, “He who is coming will come and will not delay.” The reference, no doubt, is to the rapture of the church when every Christian, whether living or dead, will be caught up with the Lord. This will end the conflicts of this life and usher in the peace we can expect to have when we sit in His presence. The fact that life will not go on forever should be an encouragement to Christians who are going through deep trouble. ... The rapture is not meant to scare or worry us or cause us to lose sleep. Instead, the rapture is a hope and a finish line. We may suffer in this present world of brokenness and sin, but our Lord will not abandon us. He is coming back to take us away from all this, and we will truly experience the great joy that the word *rapture* originally intended.”

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2. Read Matthew 24:36-44. This passage refers to Jesus’ Second Coming after the Tribulation.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-53, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and John 14:1-3. These passages refer to the Rapture of the Church.

How did the sermon help you understand the difference between the two events?

3. We only get one opportunity to believe as long as we’re alive (Heb 9:27). What’s the danger in delaying a decision to trust Christ, being unprepared, or assuming you can simply repent at the end?

4. According to the sermon, how can our waiting for Jesus turn into doubting?

5. Read John 14:1-3. What difference does the guarantee of the Lord’s return for His people, living and dead, make to you? What common things are you clinging to that tie you to this world?

**JOURNAL Matthew 24:36-44**

Read 2 Peter 3:8. The gap between Jesus’ first advent on earth and His Second Coming is a delay only from our human perspective. How can you wait with patient endurance while diligently serving as you anticipate His coming for you?

**COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL**

Here’s a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you’d like to find out even more, visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events).

**LUNCH WITH A MISSIONARY** Ever wonder about our Global Missions Ministry? Join us today, Oct. 16, for Lunch with a Missionary! Fellowship with one another and learn more about how to support the persecuted church around the world. We will be meeting in the Oak Room at 12:30 p.m. If you would like to learn more, visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/missionslunch](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/missionslunch).

**REDEEMED SEXUALITY** Thursdays, starting Oct. 20 from 6:30 – 8 p.m., join this 8-week men’s soul care group to discover the freedom we have in Christ and the biblical model for sexuality and identity. Learn more by visiting [www.ccbcfamily.org/soulcare](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/soulcare).

**DADDY DAUGHTER ADVENTURE** One of the greatest gifts you can give your daughter is the knowledge of who she is in Jesus. Join us on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 8:30 a.m. through 3 p.m. as we equip you to teach your daughter more about her identity in Christ. There will also be a time of outdoor fun, snacks and worship. Learn more by visiting [www.ccbcfamily.org/daddydaughter](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/daddydaughter).

**NEXT GEN EXPERIENCE** Wonder what your kids are doing each Sunday? The Next Gen Experience is a perfect opportunity to see behind the scenes of a typical Sunday in Kids Ministry! You’ll get a tour of all things Kids Ministry, find out what your kids are learning and how volunteers are impacting the next generation one life and one Sunday at a time. Join us on Sunday, Oct. 23 during the 9 a.m. service. Learn more by visiting [www.ccbcfamily.org/kids](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/kids).

**QUARTERLY DAY OF PRAYER** Quarterly, we take time to gather and pray as a church family. Come be with us on Monday, Nov. 7, in the Chapel from noon to 1 p.m. We will focus our attention and our prayers reminding ourselves of the truth that Jesus is the anchor for our salvation and our soul. Learn more by visiting [www.ccbcfamily.org/qdop](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/qdop).

**RELATIONAL WISDOM** Relational Wisdom is an eight-week class designed to teach you how to improve your ability to develop authentic, enjoyable, productive and lasting relationships. Specifically, relational wisdom is the ability to discern emotions, interests and abilities in yourself and others, to interpret them in the light of God’s Word, and to use this insight to manage your responses and relationships successfully. Join us Sundays, at 9 a.m. in The Den. Learn more by visiting [www.ccbcfamily.org/wisdom](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/wisdom).

**THERE’S A JOB FOR YOU** From facilities and worship to students and creative, every role at Christ Chapel makes it possible for us to make much of Jesus! We want to invite you into a conversation about being a part of our team today. Visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/jobs](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/jobs) to get started.



**LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD?** Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

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