

DAMASCUS FRIENDS CHURCH

Date: April 16th, 2023

Series: The End

Title: The Return of Jesus

Speaker: P. Jesse Brunk

THE RETURN OF JESUS

MATTHEW 24:3-8 NLT

3 Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives. His disciples came to him privately and said, "Tell us, when will all this happen? What sign will signal your return and the end of the world?"

4 Jesus told them, "Don't let anyone mislead you, 5 for many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah.' They will deceive many. 6 And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don't panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won't follow immediately. 7 Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world. 8 But all this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come.

THE END IS IMMINENT

1 THESSALONIANS 5:2 NLT

For you know quite well that the day of the Lord's return will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night.

LUKE 12:40 NLT

"You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected."

2 PETER 3:8-10A NLT

8 But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. 9 The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent. But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief.

MATTHEW 24:36-39 NLT

36 "However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself.

Only the Father knows. 37 "When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah's day. 38 In those days before the flood, the people were enjoying banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat. 39 People didn't realize what was going to happen until the flood came and swept them all away. That is the way it will be when the Son of Man comes.

EVEN IF THE END IS NOT IN MY LIFETIME, MY LIFETIME HAS AN END

IN THE MEANTIME: PEACE IS PRESENT

JOHN 14:1-3 NLT

"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.

JOHN 14:16 KJV

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever.

WAITING FOR HIS RETURN IS NOT VOID OF HIS PRESENCE

IN THE MEANTIME: THE PRESENT HAS PURPOSE

JAMES 4:14B ESV

What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.

PSALM 118:24 NLT

This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

TODAY MATTERS MOST WHEN YOU LIVE FOR JESUS WITH JESUS