



**Life Church Smyrna**  
**Sunday, May 19, 2019 | 10:30am**  
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Matthew 24:3-4 <sup>3</sup>“Later, as Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, His disciples came to Him in private and asked, ‘When will this happen? What will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the world?’ <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered: Don’t let anyone fool you.” (CEV)

## 1. The Blessed Hope

Matthew 24:23-26 <sup>23</sup>“If anyone tells you, ‘Look, here is the Messiah,’ or ‘There He is,’ don’t believe it. <sup>24</sup>For false messiahs and false prophets will rise up and perform great signs and wonders so as to deceive, if possible, even God’s chosen ones. <sup>25</sup>See, I have warned you about this ahead of time. <sup>26</sup>So if someone tells you, ‘Look, the Messiah is out in the desert,’ don’t bother to go and look. Or, ‘Look, He is hiding here,’ don’t believe it!” (NLT)

Mark 13:26, 32-33 <sup>26</sup>“Then everyone will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds with great power and glory. <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>And since you don’t know when that time will come, be on guard! Stay alert!” (NLT)

## 2. The Rapture Of The Church

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 <sup>51</sup>“Let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! <sup>52</sup>It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed.” (NLT)

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 <sup>13</sup>“And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with Him the believers who have died.” (NLT)

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1 Thessalonians 4:15-18 <sup>15</sup>“We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet Him ahead of those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. <sup>17</sup>Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>So encourage each other with these words.” (NLT)

## 3. The Return Of Christ

Acts 1:9-11 <sup>9</sup>“After saying this, He was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see Him. <sup>10</sup>As they strained to see Him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. <sup>11</sup>‘Men of Galilee,’ they said, ‘why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday He will return from heaven in the same way you saw Him go!’” (NLT)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-2, 6 <sup>1</sup>“Now concerning how and when all this will happen, dear brothers and sisters, we don’t really need to write you. <sup>2</sup>For you know quite well that the day of the Lord’s return will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night. <sup>6</sup>So be on your guard, not asleep like the others. Stay alert and be clearheaded.” (NLT)

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a <sup>1</sup>“Now, dear brothers and sisters, let us clarify some things about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we will be gathered to meet Him. <sup>2</sup>Don’t be so easily shaken or alarmed by those who say that the day of the Lord has already begun. Don’t believe them, even if they claim to have had a spiritual vision, a revelation, or a letter supposedly from us. <sup>3</sup>Don’t be fooled by what they say.” (NLT)

Titus 2:13 “We are filled with hope, as we wait for the glorious return of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.” (CEV)

Matthew 24:14 “The Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come.” (NLT)

**The big idea:** God wants you to be ready for the end.



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