

Sermon Notes - December 11, 2016

“I Shall Return” Matthew 24-25 Pastor Bill Hoffman

Students of the New Testament observe that there are roughly eight times as many references to Jesus' return as his coming in the first century. Some examples:

John 14:3, Acts 1:9-11, Philippians 3:20-21, 1
Thessalonians 4:15-17, 2 Peter 3:3-9, Revelation
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What caution does Jesus give in Matthew 24:36 about his return? (See 2 Peter 3:1-8 for further insight.)

- In Matthew 24, what does Jesus say about his return that is confusing? Despite some difficulties, what seems clear?

In light of the prospect of Jesus' return, what do the following passages suggest about how followers of his ought to live?

Matthew 24:42, Matthew 25:1-13, 14-30, 31-46,
2 Peter 3:10-12

What do the following passages suggest about the encouragement that followers of Jesus can derive from looking forward to his return?

Isaiah 11:3-9, John 14:3, Philippians 3:20-21,
Hebrews 9:27-28