

## SAVED TO THE END AND BEYOND

Matthew 24.1-39

### EVIL WILL INCREASE

Jesus describes the beginning of the end. He calls it "birth pains." In natural birth, there is always pain that comes before life and great joy. Before He returns and ushers in a future with no tears, there first will be tears. The days will become more and more evil and deceptive.

**We don't need strength in ourselves to save ourselves.  
We need to be saved from ourselves.**

### SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

When Christ returns, will He find faith on the earth? The times are changing quickly. When He returns, will we look more like Christ, or more like the world?

When Jesus says, "those who endure to the end will be saved," is this a question of "survival of the fittest?" Is He saying that those that hunker down and get through life with a passing grade are the ones who will be saved? The answer is a resounding "yes!" But it is also a resounding "no!"

**Death does not pass over us based on the ground  
of the intensity of our faith,  
but on the ground of intensity of the blood of the Lamb.**

-D.A. Carson

Truly, only the righteous (the "fittest") will inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. And truly, "there is none who is righteous, no, not one." Except for one Man, the Fittest: Jesus Christ, God's perfect Son. He is the One who "survived" and conquered. And through His blood, we can be "crucified with Christ," so that now we can say "it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." We now become one with Him. We become "the body of the Fittest." We are now more than conquerors through Christ. We will endure to the end and be saved because Christ endured to the end, and we are in Him.

Philippians 1.6 // 1 Peter 1.3-5 // Romans 8.31-39  
John 10.27-30 // 1 John 2.14-21

### AND THEN THE END WILL COME

Each of us has been anointed by the Holy One, saved and set apart for the future. What is this future look like for us? What is the end promise that we can set out sights on?

Revelation 17.14, 21.5-8



## NOTES:

### Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the green **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a **Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information. Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. Serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! **Fill out a connection card** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

### COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

### GIVING

**Gospel-centered generosity** is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at [lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give](http://lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give) or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

### KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at [katie@lifemission.tv](mailto:katie@lifemission.tv)

### JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **9th - 12th graders** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. Our **High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM at Casey & Amy Barnes Home in San Marcos**. For directions and/or questions about our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at [casey@lifemission.tv](mailto:casey@lifemission.tv).



## VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

## MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

## STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read through **Matthew 24**. What was most impactful from the sermon on Sunday or stuck out to you in these verses? \_\_\_\_\_

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Summarize in your words what Jesus is conveying to His disciples in each portion of the chapter? In your own words, what things are they to look out for? \_\_\_\_\_

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Read through **2 Peter 3:1-13** and **2 Thessalonians 2:1-12**. What recurring themes do we see in Scripture of the "end times." Do you see any of these in the world around us as we look around? Give specific examples. \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have fears or apprehensions about the "end times" referred to by Christ in this Scripture? Why or why not? What can we, as believers, expect in the "end times"? \_\_\_\_\_

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How does your identity in Christ impact how you feel about the end times? Read **Matthew 26:27-29**, **Revelation 7:9-14**, **1 John 2:18-27**, **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**, and **Revelation 21:5-8**. \_\_\_\_\_

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Read **Matthew 28:18-20**. How does the message on Sunday or your review of these Scriptures impact how you view the urgency of the "Great Commission"? \_\_\_\_\_

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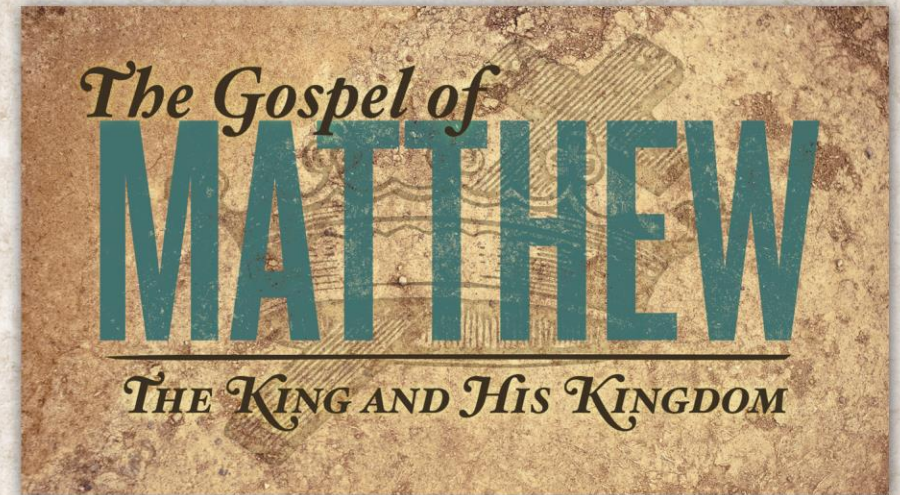
Take some time this week to think about how your assurance in Christ impacts how you view the "end times," and as a result, the perspective you have toward hardships in your life and your ministry. Using the **P.R.A.Y.** model, ask the Lord to give you perspective, to remind you that you have His saving grace for you, and how you can be used to glorify Him in the world.



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