

Text: Matthew 24:1-3, 29-42

Improving Our Understanding of the End Times

- Two guiding _____.

- The destruction of the Jerusalem Temple is significant in two ways:
 - It is _____ of Christ.

 - It fulfills Jesus' own end times _____.

- Jesus can _____.

What are the Implications for Our Lives?

- We must recognize _____ in which we live.

- We cannot take a “ _____ ” stance toward life.

- We must approach all of life with _____.

Life Enrichment

What about today's sermon challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- What circumstances cause people to panic? What is the difference between panic and urgency?
- Why do you think the disciples were so interested in the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple and Christ's coming at the end of the age (Matt 24:3)?
- How do those two questions help us better understand the rest of Matthew 24?
- Do you believe that we are living at a critical juncture in History? Why or why not?
- How might recognizing that we are living in the Last Days reshape our thinking and living?
- How often do you live from that recognition? What can we do to make *eschatological urgency* a normal part of life?
- Why is "business as usual" an unacceptable approach to life for Jesus' followers?
- What are the dangers of ignoring the times in which we live?
- If you knew that Christ was returning within the week, what would you do? Why is that such a difficult principle to integrate into daily life?