

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for October 11, 1987

Signs of Christ's Return
Matthew 24:1-14
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Introduction: Jesus' response to His disciples is to correct their misunderstanding. This discourse is for Israel.

1. **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** is for the church, here the rapture is described.

John 14: 1-3, the church is not looking for signs the church is looking for Jesus. What signs should the church be looking for? None.

2. **1 Thessalonians 1: 9-10, Romans 1:18**, "wrath of God" these passages speak of two different "wraths of God." Romans, we are saved from that wrath by trusting in Jesus. Thessalonians speaks of the wrath of the tribulation.

Revelation 6, the church is gone, no longer mentioned. First seal is false Christ, second seal is war. Same events Christ is speaking of in **Matthew 24: 4-8** is the first events of the Great Tribulation.

We now in the church age are looking only for Jesus. We need to live as if Jesus is coming back today, but plan as if He were coming in 200 years.