

Left Behind

(Matthew 24:36-42)

- Introduction:
1. Many of you have seen the book series entitled, "Left Behind."
 2. These books advocate an end-times view called "Dispensational Premillennialism."
 3. There is currently a movie promoting this view of end times, and one of its executive producers is a brother in Christ.
 4. The intent of this lesson is to very briefly remind you of what the Bible teaches about "end-times" and to give you some talking points with your friends.

I. What Is The Rapture

- A. It is the belief that prior to the return of Jesus, there will be a seven year tribulation here on Earth. However, before this tribulation begins, God is going to snatch all of his children out of the world, sparing them from this tribulation.
- B. Support for the rapture supposedly comes from.
 1. (Matthew 24:21; 40-41).
 2. (Revelation 6-18).
 3. (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17).

II. The Return Of Jesus

- A. His coming will be visible and audible.
 1. (Acts 1:11; Revelation 1:7).
- B. All the dead (righteous and unrighteous) will rise from the dead.
 1. (John 5:28-29).
- C. Those who are alive will be changed.
 1. (1 Corinthians 15:51-52).
- D. The Earth will be destroyed.
 1. (2 Peter 3:10).
- E. We will be judged by God.
 1. (Acts 17:30-31; 2 Corinthians 5:10).

- Conclusion:
1. In view of His return, and the judgment to follow, what should you do with your life (2 Peter 3:11).
 2. Are you ready for the return of Jesus? radar