



I. He is RISEN, now He is GONE!

Acts 1:7-11 (MSG) ⁷⁻⁸ He told them, “You don’t get to know the time. Timing is the Father’s business. What you’ll get is the Holy Spirit. And when the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world.” ⁹⁻¹¹ These were his last words. As they watched, he was taken up and disappeared in a cloud. They stood there, staring into the empty sky. Suddenly two men appeared—in white robes! They said, “You Galileans!—why do you just stand here looking up at an empty sky? This very Jesus who was taken up from among you to heaven will come as certainly—and mysteriously—as he left.”

1. We are living in biblical times
2. Seriously we are smack dab in the book of ACTS
3. You were chosen for such a time as this

II. We get into the topic the next two Sundays

1. End times prophecy
2. The going away of the church from planet earth
3. 7 years of “hell” on earth, AKA: The Great Tribulation
4. The return of JESUS and CHRISTIANS to earth

III. INTRO BILL SLININGER

1. Discussion
2. Questions
3. Resources (books in bookstore, current small groups)
4. This short 2 week series as much as anything is designed to MAKE US THIRSTY!

Matthew 5:6 (KJV) Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

IV. God knows it is in us to want to understand the times. It is the Holy Spirit and His Word that will guide us

1. God gave mile markers so to speak to His people, and I want to talk about some of the more important things that have been **prophesied** and the **timing** of those things
2. God’s WORDS are always accomplished in the EXACT RIGHT TIME: **HIS!**
3. When we focus too tightly on the WHEN, we lose the WHY, and the WHY goes beyond YOU and I

V. Mile Marker #1 – The outpouring of the Holy Spirit

- A. Joel prophesied about the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the earth 850 years before it was going to come to pass
 - Theme of Joel is that of “devastation-repentance-restoration-outpouring”

Joel 2:28-29 (MSG) “I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people: Your sons will prophesy, also your daughters. Your old men will dream, your young men will see visions. I’ll even pour out my Spirit on the servants, men and women both.



- Acts Chapter 2 – 850 years later and 10 days later (say that out loud)
- “It” happens, and then “it” happens
- It takes a long time, until it does not

VI. Mile Marker #2 – The creating of atomic and nuclear weapons by mankind

1. Zechariah 530 years before Jesus came and more than 2400 years before it happened for first time, the prophet spoke:

Zechariah 14:12 (NIV) This is the plague with which the LORD will strike all the nations that fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths.

- The development: July 16, 1945 – The first atomic weapon was detonated/tested
- The use: August 6, 1945 and August 9, 1945 – over 200,000 people were killed in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, effectively ending World War II
 - We are stuck in the realm of time, which can influence how we try to interpret

“This new phenomenon would also lead to the construction of bombs, and it is conceivable—though much less certain—that extremely powerful bombs of this type may thus be constructed. A single bomb of this type, carried by boat and exploded in a port, might very well destroy the whole port together with some of the surrounding territory. **However, such bombs might very well prove too heavy for transportation by air.**”
— Albert Einstein’s letter to Roosevelt warning about the development of these weapons

Genesis 6:5-6 (MSG) God saw that human evil was out of control. People thought evil, imagined evil—evil, evil, evil from morning to night. God was sorry that he had made the human race in the first place; it broke his heart.

VII. Mile Marker #3 – A nation raised up in a DAY

1. No one knew what this tiny passage of scripture meant written about 680 years before Jesus came and 2600+ years before it occurred

Isaiah 66:8 (MSG) Has anyone ever heard of such a thing? Has anyone seen anything like this? A country born in a day? A nation born in a flash?

2. May the 15th 1948 – the earth gave birth and ISRAEL became a nation again
3. Israel is a MIRACLE from the HAND OF GOD
4. Not a political fact, it is a SUPERNATURAL reality!

Psalms 121:4 (KJV) Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5. After the EXIT of the CHRISTIANS from earth, God’s focus will become once again laser-like on his chosen nation, Israel

IX. SO WHAT TIME IS IT?



Matthew 24:36-39 (KJV) ³⁶ But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. ³⁷ But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. ³⁸ For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, ³⁹ And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

1. Population explosion
2. Technological advancements
3. Genetic tampering
4. Days of corruption
5. Days of violence
6. Ridicule of God's people
7. Demonic inspiration – I Timothy 4:1
8. Unprecedented depravity
9. Sexual depravity

X. The MERCY of GOD

1. His mercy does not run out, but our calendar will
2. He calls things mercy, we don't always see as mercy

XII. Closing

1. God is **patient**
2. God is **warning**
3. Salvation is being offered to **EVERYONE**
4. Inevitable judgement, **it is a comin'**
5. **GET ON THE ARK!**

XII. HERE ARE THE THINGS WE SHOULD FOCUS ON:

1. **CLING TO GOD AND HIS WORD**
2. **Strengthen and stay close to one another (even more so as...)**



I'll Be Back

Part 1
April 24, 2022

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Video Resources:



End Times Tuesday (6:30-8:00pm) Small Group:



End Times Thursday (1:00-2:30pm) Small Group:

