

Confession of Faith | Westminster Larger Catechism 56

Pastor: How is Christ to be exalted in his coming again to judge the world?

People: Christ is to be exalted in his coming again to judge the world, in that he, who was unjustly judged and condemned by wicked men, shall come again at the last day in great power, and in the full manifestation of his own glory, and of his Father's, with all his holy angels, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God, to judge the world in righteousness.

Our Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer

*Hymn 549 | By the Sea of Crystal

God's Call Through Preaching

Scripture Reading | Matthew 24:29-31

Pastor: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proclamation | The End of the World as We Know It (Part Two)

Prayer of Application

*New Songs 14 | Creation Songs

GOD BLESSES US WITH HIMSELF

*God's Benediction

*Hymn 735 | Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

VISITING WITH US?

WELCOME

We are so glad you have come to worship with us this evening! Please fill out a connect card in the church foyer so we can learn how best to serve you.

NURSERY

We welcome and encourage children of all ages to participate in public worship. For families with young children there is a nursery available next door, though it is not staffed during the evening service. Please ask the usher for more information

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THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT (PART TWO)

Matthew 24:29-31

I. Our Lord foretells the *implosion* of *man's* kingdom (v. 29).

II. Our Lord foretells the *imposition* of *God's* kingdom (vv. 30-31).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is the fundamental reason our world fears human extinction? Why shouldn't we?
2. After a few weeks in Matthew 24, can you explain the difference between preterism and futurism?
3. Pastor Nick gave five reasons for embracing what he calls "preterfuturism." Can you remember any of them? How are both these positions right and wrong?
4. What is Jesus referring to when He speaks of the heavenly lights going out and the sky quaking? How does the OT help us to understand it?
5. Read 2 Peter 3:10 and Revelation 6:12-17. How does this shed light on what Jesus is referring to? And how do the events spoken of in these passages relate to the destruction of Jerusalem?
6. What are the various characteristics of Christ's coming in vv. 30-31? Is this primarily referring to His coming to heaven or His coming to earth?
7. Why is it important for us to have a proper understanding of the end of history?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. How does this text help me face my fears concerning the future history of the world and give me comfort and hope?
2. How might I use Matthew 24 and the broader eschatology of Scripture to evangelize someone in the grip of "extinction panic"?
3. Do I find the fivefold argument for interpreting the Olivet Discourse as a preterfuturist compelling? Why, or why not?



Cornerstone Presbyterian Church is a community of believers devoted to glorifying our Triune God through God-centered theology, God-ordered worship, God-delighting piety, God-exalting leadership, and God-dependent mission.

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

January 19, 2025 PM

Welcome, Announcements, & Corporate Prayer

GOD BECKONS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

***God's Call to Worship** | 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Pastor: This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering—

People: since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

Pastor: They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed.

People: Praise the LORD!

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn 319** | Day of Judgment! Day of Wonders!

GOD BEAUTIFIES US FOR HIMSELF

God's Call through Scripture | 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18