



Special Message—Signs
From sermon 8.23.20

Read *Matthew 16:1-4*

Review from Sunday's sermon: In one of His many scathing indictments of the religious leaders of His day, Jesus condemned them for being able to identify and heed warnings in the natural world, but missing the miraculous signs and preaching of God's Son. Even after the resurrection, they refused to see what was obvious. The world in Noah's day missed all the signs and ignored the preaching as well. We are convinced that we live in days similar to Noah's. There are many signs and no one is changing.

1. What are the three spheres of human experience where end time's signs will appear? And, what does the Scripture say will be happening? Circle those things we see in each sphere today.

- Signs in the World

Matthew 24:4-8—Global events, natural disasters, cosmic disturbances, Ethnic conflict...

Revelation 6:2 & 13:4—Demand for answers and solutions (at any cost). The welcoming of a one-world government and human hero.

Revelation 7:4—Israel will be a nation

- Signs in the Culture

2 Timothy 3:1-4—values, morals, ethics, and decency will disintegrate. Loyalty, charity, and compassion will be lost. Everything/everyone will focus on self.

Matthew 24:12—Authority and restraint will be vilified. Lawlessness and anarchy will reign.

Romans 1:32—people will not only fulfill their sinful lusts, but promote, celebrate, and congratulate all others who join them.

- Signs in the Church

2 Timothy 4:3-4—The church crowd will be entertainment, pragmatic, and positive message driven. They will demand and hire teachers who tell them what they want to hear. There will be no desire for the preaching of sound doctrine or topics like sin, judgment, repentance, or hell.

2 Peter 3:3-7—There will be a disdain for those few pastors, churches, or denominations that hold to the inerrant Word of God and preach coming judgment.

2. What are the four historic God-ordained restraints on human evil? What would say is happening to each in our day? 1. Conscience, 2. The Family, 3. Human Government, 4. Bible-based Churches

3. While we cannot stop the tide wave of immorality or delay the coming judgment, what can we do (as Bible-believing Christians) in each sphere to make some difference for the Kingdom?

- In the World: various personal answers—prepare. Watch. Beware of deception
- In the Culture: various personal answers—don't play the game. Rise above human debate
- In the Church: various personal answers—demand biblical preaching. Love visitors and members. Be faithful to worship, fellowship, ministry, giving, witnessing.