

Are you ready for his coming?

On Sunday morning Tony continued the series on the return of Christ, this time concentrating on some of the signs that we are to look for, to prepare us for His coming.

There are two reasons why we need to be aware the second coming: firstly, it is a great motivation for us to be holy and occupied in the Master's business and, secondly, there is the issue of declaration. It prompts us to share the gospel. Jesus said in Matthew 24:14 that this gospel will be preached throughout the world immediately prior to his coming.

We also looked at the three kinds of prophecies in the Bible: the simple, the symbolic and the speculative. The simple ones are plain, literal and clear statements of Scripture, which is what we dealt with in this message.

1. Disasters in the world (Matthew 24: 4-8) spiritual deceptions, wars, earthquakes and famines.
2. Deserters in the church (Matthew 24:9-14) Three reasons for this: persecution, deception, wickedness.
3. Deviations in morality (2 Timothy 3:1-7) The society we live in has narcissistic, hedonistic and materialistic obsessions. Some call this 'the me generation.'

The cumulative evidence of the foregoing features lead us to believe that 'the beginning of birth pains' are upon us. Let us be like Martin Luther who declared, "I live as if Jesus died yesterday, rose again today and is coming tomorrow."