

## Wilkins Radio Broadcast—Life Changing Word—Wk of 12-28-21

Hello, let's start with a prayer.

Jesus, I pray that every word spoken be anointed by the Holy Spirit and that every person will listen with their spiritual ears to the truth of God's Word. I pray this teaching on your Word will not return void, but it will accomplish the purposes of God. In Jesus name, Amen.

We just celebrated the birth and the first coming of Jesus Christ to the earth. I hope you all had a very blessed Christmas with your families. But today I want to continue my teaching on the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

To recap my last teaching was on Matthew 24, where Jesus told His closest friends, His disciples about the signs of the end time and the tribulation prior to the Second Coming of Jesus to the earth. I demonstrated how relevant those prophetic words of Jesus were today and how they applied to you and your families' futures.

I taught that Jesus was having a private, heart to heart, conversation with the very men that would be charged with spreading the gospel to the ends of the earth. I also explained that at the time of this conversation Jesus knew that He would be going to the cross in a few days and die for our sins. So Jesus was not being vague or mysterious. Jesus told His disciples that the elect, born again, believers would have to endure the great tribulation. Jesus never mentions a secret escape or a secret rapture. In fact, Jesus states that His second coming would be specifically after the great tribulation and that it would be seen by everyone on earth.

God's Word says that we suffer for the lack of knowledge. So I am going to be giving you knowledge and the truth about the

second coming of Christ, as Jesus told his disciples in His own words. The secret rapture theory and teaching is a false teaching and never was part of church teaching until about 1827, when John Darby mentions the teaching of a separate and secret rapture. Then a woman named Margaret McDonald had a dream and shared her views about a separate catching away of Christians. Finally the most influential teacher of a secret rapture and dispensationalism was Cyrus Scofield. He published the Scofield Bible that has been used by many evangelicals since the early 1900's. In that Bible, Scofield planted the seeds of secret and separate rapture that has led to many born again Christians being deceived about the actual second coming of Christ. Consequently, I believe this false teaching is a demonic attack on God's truth and was meant to deceive the generations of people that would have to actually live in the end times. What a wonderful lie of satan that teaches God's people that they will escape tribulation and thus not be prepared to endure tribulation. Just as Jesus warned, do not be deceived. So now I will continue the true teaching on the second coming of Christ by looking at Mark's account of the same conversation that Matthew recorded with Jesus about the time of the end and His second coming. Let's read Mark 13.

**Mar 13:11** But when they shall lead *you*, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.

**Mar 13:12** Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against *their* parents, and shall cause them to be put to death.

**Mar 13:13** And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

**Mar 13:14** But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:

Mar 13:15 And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter *therein*, to take any thing out of his house:

Mar 13:16 And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment.

Mar 13:17 But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

Mar 13:18 And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter.

Mar 13:19 For *in* those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.

Mar 13:20 And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.

Mar 13:21 And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here *is* Christ; or, lo, *he is* there; believe *him* not:

Mar 13:22 For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if *it were* possible, even the elect.

Mar 13:23 But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.

Mar 13:24 But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,

Mar 13:25 And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.

Mar 13:26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

Mar 13:27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

In Mark's account of Jesus description of the end time and the second coming, we actually see Jesus saying that only the ones that endure to the end shall be saved. Jesus then tells believers that when you see the anti-Christ for them to flee to the

mountains, not to look for a secret gathering of the saints in the clouds. Jesus goes on to explain that this time of tribulation on the earth is so bad that if the Lord did not shorten those tribulation days that no flesh would be saved. Jesus continues by saying that it is for the elect's sake that the days are shortened. In addition, Jesus states that the false Christ will be so convincing that even the elect may be deceived.

So who are the Lord's elect? Let's define elect. It means a special group of people, set apart, and committed to God. These are the born again, redeemed from sin, believers on the earth. Now if ALL the Christians are gone and taken off the earth in a secret rapture, who is remaining on the earth except for sinners. So Jesus is saying Christian believers or the elect will be on the earth and have to endure the great tribulation, not escape from it in a secret rapture.

Finally Jesus describes His coming as anything but a secret. He says there will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars. Jesus continues that those on earth will see His coming in the clouds with great power and glory and then He will send His angels to gather His elect from the uttermost part of heaven and earth. I think Jesus makes it very clear that His second coming will not be a secret, but an event that every person on earth will witness, probably fear and tremble at. Jesus also states clearly that His elect, born again believers will still be on the earth and it will be after the great tribulation that they will be gathered by the angels to meet Jesus in the clouds.

Thank you for listening and God bless you.