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Welcome. I want to 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 conversation with the very men that would be charged with spreading the gospel truth 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 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 give you knowledge and truth about the second coming of Christ. First, I will use scriptures in Matthew and Mark. These two accounts of the end time and Christ's second return are in Jesus own words exactly as he answered his disciples' questions regarding the signs of the end times and of Christ return.

In addition, I am going to tell you how this "secret rapture" lie became part of the modern evangelical belief system. The secret rapture theory is a false doctrine and never was part of church history until about 1828, when John Darby declared that "The church is in ruins,". Darby was an Anglican Priest that believed that the Church of England had forsaken biblical ideas of what church should be. Consequently, Darby started a new church and what resulted from Darby's departure was a new way of viewing the church and Christ's second coming. Darby wrote of his new beliefs and of dispensational premillennialism in 1828. Although many of his theories are false and not based on historical Biblical teachings, they have infiltrated much of Western evangelical Christian thought. Darby's false doctrine changed the Western Christian church view. Darby distorted the end time teachings which had been since the time of Christ and the

early church. The principal church view for over 1500 years had been that the saints must prepare to endure tribulation and even martyrdom. However, endurance had fallen out of favor and the belief that Jesus would secretly rescue his saints became popular. Darby supported his new theory with scriptures taken out of context and Bible stories that could only infer a secret escape plan before the great tribulation.

Then about the same time frame, a woman named Margaret McDonald in Scotland had a dream and shared her belief in a separate catching away of Christians. This dream teaching seemed to further authenticate Darby's theories.

Finally the most significant source of this false doctrine was Cyrus Scofield. He published the Scofield Reference Bible that has been used by many Western evangelicals since the early 1900's. In that Bible, Scofield planted the seeds of Darby's dispensational premillennialism and secret rapture that has led to many born again Christians being misled about the actual second coming of Christ. The secret rapture theory is not scriptural, but has to be taught. You cannot arrive at this conclusion by just reading the scriptures. Instead, the rapture doctrine is introduced and then the scriptures are twisted to fit the theory. However, who was Scofield and did he live a life of Godly character and integrity. Here are some examples of breaches that he committed and I will let you decide if you want to trust your Biblical beliefs on his writings. Scofield failed to provide for his first family, committed adultery, was divorced, failed to pay debts, and eventually added words and teachings to the Bible which has misled thousands of believers.

Consequently, I believe this false teaching is a demonic attack on God's truth and was meant to deceive the generation of people that would have to actually live in the end times. What a destructive lie of Satan that teaches God's people that they will escape tribulation and thus they will not be prepared to endure the 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 end times and His second coming. The following scriptures are found in Mark 13.

Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately, ⁴ "Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?"

⁵ And Jesus, answering them, began to say: "Take heed that no one deceives you.

⁶ For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am *He*,' and will deceive many. ⁷ But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for *such things* must happen, but the end *is* not yet. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and

kingdom against kingdom. And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines [a]and troubles. These *are* the beginnings of [b]sorrows.

⁹ “But watch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues. You will [c]be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a witness to them. ¹⁰ And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. ¹¹ But when they arrest *you* and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, [d]or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. ¹² Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father *his* child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. ¹³ And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. But he who [e]endures to the end shall be saved.

¹⁴ “So when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ [f]spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not” (let the reader understand), “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁵ Let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house. ¹⁶ And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. ¹⁷ But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! ¹⁸ And pray that your flight may not be in winter. ¹⁹ For *in* those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be. ²⁰ And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days.

²¹ “Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here *is* the Christ!’ or, ‘Look, *He is* there!’ do not believe it. ²² For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the [g]elect. ²³ But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand.

²⁴ “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; ²⁵ the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And then He will send His angels, and gather together His [h]elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.

In Mark’s account, Jesus also describes the end time and the second coming. Here 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 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. If only sinners are left behind why will they be persecuted before rulers. Are we to believe sinners will witness to the whole world of Jesus. Also, how is there any Holy Spirit on the earth to show the persecuted what to speak before these rulers, if the Holy Spirit is taken out of the earth with all the believers in a secret rapture. Sorry secret rapture people you can't have it both ways. Jesus is saying Christian Holy Spirit filled 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. 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.

Consequently, in Matthew 24 and Mark 13 we have two accounts of the end times and of Jesus second coming told in Jesus' own words privately to his closest disciples. Who are you going to believe? Jesus or Darby or Scofield? I choose to believe Jesus. His words are not vague. Jesus really doesn't leave anything to get lost in translation. Jesus speaks forthright and clearly. You have to twist these scriptures to arrive at a secret and separate rapture teaching. Remember, Jesus said "do not be deceived".

I have to end this teaching today, but I will continue to teach the truth about Jesus second coming next time.

If you have not discovered the one true pathway to eternal life and if you do not know where you would spend eternity if your soul was required of you today. I want to give you an opportunity to accept Jesus as your Savior. It is very simple. Just repeat this prayer with me and believe in your heart and you will be saved. Let us pray.

Jesus, I confess I am a sinner. I repent of my sins. Please forgive me of my sins. Jesus come into my heart and become my Lord and Savior. I believe and receive Jesus offer of salvation and resurrection unto eternal life. In Jesus name, amen.

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