

CrossWalk NOTES

Blockbuster

The Happening

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²⁹Immediately after the distress of those days “the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.” (Matthew 24:29, NIV)

1. Jesus _____ us that the last days of the planet will be...

¹⁰Then he said to them: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven... ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. (Luke 21:10-11, 25, NIV)

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²⁶Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. (Luke 21:26, NIV)

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³⁰“At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. ³¹And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. (Matthew 24:30-31, NIV)

2. Jesus _____ us that he will return with...

¹⁶For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud

command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. (1 Thessalonians 4:16, NIV)

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¹⁷After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage each other with these words. (1 Thessalonians 4:17-18, NIV)

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³²“Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near.

³³Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. ³⁴I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³⁵Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. (Matthew 24:32-35, NIV)

1. In view of all this, Jesus _____ us to...

³⁵“Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷What I say to you, I say to everyone: “Watch!” (Mark 13:35-37, NIV)

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⁴⁴So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. (Matthew 24:44, NIV)

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My next steps in the “Cross-Walk”:

- Be ready mentally for Jesus’ return. See the signs and daily associate what you see in the news with Jesus’ return.
- Lean on Jesus for strength during the last days. Pray and ask God for strength to endure through your apprehension.
- Meditate on and memorize Matthew 24:44.