

Acts 1:1-11 - The Lord's Timing

The disciples “asked him (Jesus), ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’” Every generation poses the same question, “Lord, is this when you will make your big move? Are you finally going to take care of the bad guys and give us good folks our reward?” Jesus answered as he always does, “I never talk about God’s timing.”

Many religious leaders speak as if they know God’s plan for the end. Because of Middle East tensions or some self-calculated formula, they think the Lord is in some kind of two-minute-drill. Perhaps he is, but no human being knows for sure.

Far more pertinent for all of us is whether God’s kingdom is in us. Does the Lord control your mind? Do his principles guide your life decisions? Or do doubt, worry, bitterness, greed, and selfishness, dominate your thoughts? If Jesus came tomorrow, unless God’s peace, his love, and Jesus’ code of conduct rule our hearts, we’ll be on the outside looking in anyhow.

