# Sitting at the Feet of Jesus

Luke 21 Lift Your Eyes! 1. What does Jesus say here about the end times?

2. What relevant signs do we see now?

3. How should we respond with the knowledge that we have?

Luke 21:8-11 He replied, "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name claiming I am he and the time is near. Do not follow them. When you hear of wars and uprising do not be frightened. Those things must happen first, but the end will not come right away."

Then he said to them; "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places and fearful events and great signs from heaven."

Matthew 24:36 But no one knows the day or the hour. No! Not even the angels in heaven know. The Son does not know. Only the Father knows.

## Birthing Pains Matthew 24:8 Mark 13:1-13 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3

#### Luke 21:25-28

"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. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken."

"At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, thank up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. "

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Luke 21:34-36 Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkeness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen and that you may be unable to stand before the Son of Man.

1 Thessalonians 4:17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

#### Rapture

Lot and Noah

Luke 21:28

Revelations 3:10 Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the world to test those who live on the earth.

## Technically we are already in the end times.

# But where are we in the birthing process?

1. Israel being its own sovereign state.

Luke 21:24 Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

### 2. Battle of Gog and Magog

### **Ezekiel 38-39**

Magog = Russia Persia= Iran Kush= Ethiopia Put= Libya Gomer= Ukraine, Poland etc. Beth-Togarmah= Turkey & Syria

### 3. Increase of knowledge

**Daniel 12:4** But you Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, even to the time of the end. Many will run back and forth and knowledge will be increased.

#### 4. Widespread selfishness

**1Timothy 3:1-5** But know this, that in the last days, grievous times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, unforgiving, slanderers, without self control, fierce, not lovers of good, traitors, headstrong, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; holding a form of godliness but having denied it's power.

#### 5. Skepticism and disbelief

#### 2 Peter 3:3-4

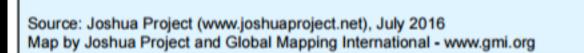
In the last days mockers will come, walking after their own lusts and saying, "Where's the promise of his arrival? For, from the day that the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

6. The gospel will be proclaimed throughout the world.

Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed through the world as a testimony to all nations and then the end will come.

#### **Progress of the Gospel by People Group**

Based on the Joshua Project Progress Scale



#### **People Group Status**

Unreached/Least Reached Formative/Nominal Significant/Established

Acts 2:17 In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

Luke 21: 28 When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

Lift up your head church!!!