

Seeing as there is a prayer meeting next week, this dig deeper covers 2 weeks. Questions 1 and 2 are on Matthew 24 and Questions 3 and 4 are on 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12, if you would like to get ahead in thinking about next Sunday's passage... (or a bit of both!)

- 1. Have a read of Matthew 24:36-51. Which verse(s) do you find most impactful in changing your perspective on the return of Jesus? How might life change if you took these words to heart more? Pray that the Holy Spirit will help you to live ready for Jesus' return any time.
- 2. What needs to happen before Jesus returns- look up the following verses...
 - a. Mark 13:10 (but see Col 1:6)
 - b. Mark 13:19-20
 - c. Mark 13:22
 - d. Mark 13:24-25
 - e. 2 Thess 2:3,4

Do any of these factors mean that Jesus can't come back soon?

- 3. Have a look ahead at 2 Thess 1:3-12. What does Paul say are the reasons that Jesus is coming back? How do you feel about these?
- 4. What should this teaching about the return of Jesus lead to in terms of action from us (note particularly the praise and prayer that tops and tails this section, and consider why these may be appropriate)?

Resources...

 There is an online concert "A weary world rejoices" by the Gospel Coalition on the theme of Advent this Sunday <u>here</u>.

