

Conditioning 2020

Matthew 24

4 Jesus answered, "See to it that no one deceives you.

5 For many will come in My name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

6 You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed.

These things must happen, but the end is still to come.

7 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

There will be famines and earthquakes in various places.

8 All these are the beginning of birth pains.

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Four Realities That Disciples Want To Ignore But Can't If They Are Truly Following Christ

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Three Distinctions:

1. These are **relational** realities
2. These are **biblical** realities
3. These are for **disciples** of Christ

Matthew 16

24 Then Jesus told His disciples, “If anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

25 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

Four Realities That Disciples Want To Ignore (BCITATFC)

1. Truly following Christ will cause people to hate you

John 15

18 If the world hates you, understand that it hated Me first.

19 If you were of the world, it would love you as its own.

Instead, the world hates you, because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world.

20 Remember the word that I spoke to you: 'No servant is greater than his master.'

If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you as well; ...

21 But they will treat you like this because of My name

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1. They will hate you because of what you say

Jeremiah 26

1 At the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, this word came from the LORD:

2“This is what the LORD says: Stand in the courtyard of the LORD’s house and speak all the words I have commanded you to speak to all the cities of Judah who come to worship there.

Do not omit a word.

3 Perhaps they will listen and turn—each from his evil way of life—so that I may relent of the disaster I am planning to bring upon them because of the evil of their deeds.

Jeremiah 26

4 And you are to tell them that this is what the LORD says: 'If you do not listen to Me and walk in My law, which I have set before you,

5 and if you do not listen to the words of My servants the prophets, whom I have sent you again and again even though you did not listen,

6 then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city an object of cursing among all the nations of the earth.'"

Jeremiah 26

7 The priests, the prophets, and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD,

8 and as soon as he had finished telling all the people everything the LORD had commanded him to say, the priests and prophets and all the people seized him, shouting,

“You must surely die!

9 How dare you prophesy in the name of the LORD that this house will become like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted!”

And all the people assembled against Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

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"Why do good people support Trump? It's because people have been trained from childhood to believe in fairy tales... This set their minds up to accept things that make them feel good...The more fairy tales and lies he tells the better they feel..."

Show me a person who believes in Noah's ark and I will show you a Trump voter."

Chuck Todd – NBC - Meet the Press – Sunday Dec. 29, 2019

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3. They will hate you because of whose you are

2 Timothy 1

6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

7 For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power, love, and self-control.

8 So do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, or of me, His prisoner.

Instead, **join me in suffering for the gospel** by the power of God.

2 Timothy 2

3 Join me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

4 A soldier refrains from entangling himself in civilian affairs, in order to please the one who enlisted him.

2 Timothy 3

10 You, however, have observed my teaching, my conduct, my purpose, my faith, my patience, my love, my endurance, 11 my persecutions, and the sufferings that came upon me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra.

What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them.

12 Indeed, **all who desire to live godly lives in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,**

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14 And **this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a testimony to all nations**, and then the end will come.

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When was the last time:

- I shared the gospel with someone?
- I spoke out when I knew the truth wasn't welcome?
- I stood for something that caused people to hate me?

Matthew 5

11 Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me.

12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven;

for in the same way they persecuted the prophets before you.

Philippians 1

29 For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for Him

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2. Truly following Christ will bring division

Luke 12

51 Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but division.

52 From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three.

53 They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law. ”

1 Corinthians 11

17 In the following instructions I have no praise to offer, because your gatherings do more harm than good.

18 First of all, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it,

19 for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized.

Acts 14

21 They preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples.

Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, **22** strengthening the souls of the disciples and encouraging them to continue in the faith.

“We must endure many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,” they said.

Four Realities That Disciples Want To Ignore (BCITATFC)

3. Truly following Christ will test your love allegiance

Matthew 10

37 Anyone who loves his father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me;

anyone who loves his son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me;

38 and anyone who does not take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.

39 Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

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Luke 14

26 "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he cannot be My disciple.

27 And whoever does not carry his cross and follow Me cannot be My disciple.

Zechariah 13

3 And if anyone still prophesies, his father and mother who bore him will say to him,

‘You shall not remain alive, because you have spoken falsely in the name of the LORD.’

When he prophesies, his father and mother who bore him will pierce him through.

Four Realities That Disciples Want To Ignore (BCITATFC)

4. Truly following Christ will cause you to selflessly and sacrificially love like Christ

1 Peter 3

8 Finally, all of you, be like-minded and sympathetic, love as brothers, be tender-hearted and humble.

9 Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing,

because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

1 Peter 2

21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His footsteps:

22 “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in His mouth.”

23 When they heaped abuse on Him, He did not retaliate; when He suffered, He made no threats, but entrusted Himself to Him who judges justly.

24 He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

“By His stripes you are healed.”

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