***What to expect when you’re expecting***

***Signs of the End***

Matthew 24:1-14

1. Jesus said we can expect the to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_- . (vvs. 6-8)
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ off-balance (vvs. 6-7a) *“wars & rumors of wars”*
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ off-balance (v. 7b) *“famines & earthquakes”*
4. Jesus said we can expect the to us. (vvs. 4-5, 9-12)
5. Through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 4) *“misleads you”*
6. Through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vvs. 5, 11) *“I am Christ” “many false prophets”*

*False prophets have attacked many doctrinal issues in the last two centuries. The most important and most attacked are:*

* The belief that the Bible came directly from God (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) and is without error (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) (2 Tim. 3:16); this is also known as P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ V\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The full \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus (John 1:1; Col. 1:19; Heb. 1:8).
* The historical reality of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ including the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus (Matt. 1:23)
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sacrifice of Jesus as our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to pay for our sins (Heb. 10:10, 12)
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ body (1 Cor. 15:3-4, 14)
* The personal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus to this earth (Acts 1:11).

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1. Through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vvs. 9-10, 12) *“many will fall away”*

*“Imagine there's no heaven, it's easy if you try; No hell below us, above us only sky. Imagine all the people living for today. Imagine there's no countries, it isn't hard to do, nothing to kill or die for and no religion too. Imagine all the people living life in peace…” – Imagine* by John Lennon

1. Persecution \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Persecution removes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Persecution pulls out the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Persecution focuses our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Jesus said we can expect the to create

for us. (vvs. 13-14)

1. Opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about our true \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 13) *“endures to the end”*
2. Opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about the true \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (v. 14; Luke 21:13-15; Mark 13:11) *“this Gospel shall be preached”*

*“I thank thee, O Lord, that thou hast vouchsafed [to allow or permit] thus to honor me. I am God’s grain, to be ground between the teeth of wild beasts, so that I may become a holy loaf for the Lord.”* – Ignatius (AD 35-108)

*“Eighty and six years have I served Christ, and He has done me no wrong; how then can I blaspheme my King who has saved me? You threaten the fire that burns for an hour and then is quenched, but you know not of the fire of the judgment to come, and the fire of the eternal punishment. Bring what you will.”* – Polycarp (AD 69-155)

Sometimes the day seems long, Our trials hard to bear.   
We´re tempted to complain, to murmur and despair.   
But Christ will soon appear to catch his bride away!   
All tears forever over in God’s eternal day!   
  
It will be worth it all when we see Jesus!   
Life’s trials will seem so small when we see Christ.   
One glimpse of his dear face, all sorrow will erase.   
So, bravely run the race till we see Christ.

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