



"The Last Days" Series, Message 4 – November 1, 2009 – Pastor Will Mackey

Jesus' Second Return to Earth: Six Signs Of His Coming! (Part 3)

Signs We've Learned So Far:

1. The whole world will have access to the Gospel. (Rev. 6:1-2; Matt. 24:14)
2. Peace will be taken from the earth causing mankind to turn on itself. (Rev. 6:3-4; Matt. 24:6-7a)
3. Famine will cover the earth. (Rev. 6:5-6; Matt. 24:7b)
4. The second and third signs will produce a 25% death rate on the earth. (Rev. 6:7-8; Matt. 24:6-8)

Today's Message:

5. (5th Seal and Sign) There will be unprecedented religious persecution on those who follow Jesus. (Rev. 6:9-11; Matt. 24:9, 21-22; Luke 21:12-19)

Three Things Will Lead To This Level of Persecution.

- An increase in powerful spiritual deception (Matt. 24:5, 23-24)
- A great number of people will abandon the faith (Matt. 24:10, 12-13; 2 Peter 3:3-4, 9; 2Tim. 3:1-5)
- The rise to power of the anti-Christ (Matt. 24:15-20; 2Thess. 2:3-4)

These Truths Help Us Examine our Spiritual Lives Today.

- Are we really committed to Jesus?
- Are we embarrassed to tell others of our love for Jesus?
- Are we easily influenced when someone tells us about some "new" spiritual idea?