

# MATTHEW 24:29-31


## DISCUSSION GUIDE











### STEP 1 - PRAY FOR GOD TO GIVE UNDERSTANDING

### STEP 2 - READ TEXT

 Read the text: Matthew 24:29-31

### STEP 3 - ACTIVITY


 The following activity will best be done on a white board, large post it sheet, or a piece of paper everyone can see. This activity is to write down all of the details of what the Bible says about the event of the 2nd return of Christ. Make a list of the descriptive language used in each of these verses. Get everyone involved and have them look up the verses and contribute the items.

-  Read the text: Isaiah 34:4
-  Read the text: Ezekiel 32:7
-  Read the text: Joel 2:31
-  Read the text: Joel 3:15
-  Read the text: Amos 8:9
-  Read the text: Haggai 2:6-7
-  Read the text: Revelation 6:12-13
-  Read the text: Isaiah 24:23
-  Read the text: Zephaniah 1:15
-  Read the text: Luke 21:25-28

Now, after looking up the text examples and looking at the list move on to discussion on these items:

 **DISCUSS THE TEXT BRIEFLY:**

1. What emotions do you feel when examining this list?
2. What do you think is the purpose of these things?
3. Is it possible that we often overlook or underestimate the true power of God?

 **POINT:** The point of this activity is to get them to dwell on the rich power of God. Do they truly live as if God is this powerful? We must understand how powerful He is, because this generates a healthy fear of the Lord and awe of all that He is.

## STEP 4: QUESTION AND ANSWER

In the sermon we talk about how we can often underestimate the power and authority that God truly has. Let's ask some questions for discussion around that idea.

 **DISCUSS:** How much authority does God have?

✓ **ANSWER:** This is a much deeper question than appears on the surface. Don't let them get away with just saying... all authority. That has major implications. That means evil only happens when allowed. It means that our salvation has **NOTHING** to do with anything we do, including the discovery of Jesus.

 **DISCUSS:** Most theological arguments come from wrestling with how much responsibility or authority God has in the things that happen on Earth. Why do you think it's important for us to see God as He is?

✓ **ANSWER:** It's critical. Our identity and the way we live comes from the understanding of how much control God has and if we trust Him with that

control. A Christian should have no issue saying they trust God completely with supreme control, if they walk in faith.

## **STEP 5 - TAKE HOME AND DEEPER DISCUSSION**

Who in your life will not hear the trumpet call, and what are you going to do about that?