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TITLE

WHY JESUS DIDNOT TELL ALL TO HIS DISCIPLES

Scripture ACTS 1:7
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Introduction- THE DISCIPLES SEVERAL TIMES ASKED JESUS ABOUT THE FUTURE AND THEY DID NOT HEAR WHAT

1. Both during His public ministry and afterwards this happened THEY WANTED TO.
2. He had promised to answer thier prayers, H.G. to guide to all truth- but here was a blind alley
3. With all the prophecies and spiritual truths given, there must be a reason for certain areas of knowledge being left completely out, or partially unanswered.

I.- THE BIG QUESTIONS

A. THE PHARISEES ASKED FOR A SIGN Matt 16:1 ff

1. It was probably as to whether or not he was the Messiah, the Christ- *is about the Kingdom of Israel* times.
2. Jesus rebuked them- Hypocrites- ye can forcast the weather, but not read the signs of the
3. a. the wicked seek a sign, b. no sign but that of Jonas c. he left them.

B. THE DISCIPLES ASKED THREE WIDELY SCATTERED DATES AND THE SIGN FOR THEM* Matt. 24:3

1. The destruction of Jerusalem- 70ad, His coming-Rapture, End of world-1007 years later.
2. Jesus gave them the exposition known as the Olivet Discourse, and men argue ever since.
3. Two days later he was betrayed and crucified, the disciples asked the wrong question and were

C. THE RESURRECTED CHRIST WAS ASKED THE SAME TYPE OF A QUESTION, MORE SPECIFIC. surprised

1. Jesus had been speaking to them concerning the Kingdom of God, and they wanted to know - -
2. Being Jews they wanted to know about the Kingdom of Israel, overthrow Romans, restore it.
3. When they asked this, as though it were forbidden knowledge - Jesus left, was taken up.

II.- WHAT ANSWERS WERE ACTUALLY GIVEN TO THE BIG QUESTIONS?

A. HE TOLD THE DISCIPLES* "AS IN THE DAYS OF NOE" Matt 24:37

1. There was the preaching of warning but people ignored it and went on as usual-
2. Life as usual included normal cares- also riotness, debauchery, wild pleasure, gluttony, etc
3. In spite of the warning s they were cut off suddenly, without forewarning or chance of escape

B. HE TOLD THE EARLY CHURCH "IT IS NOT FOR YOU TO KNOW THE TIMES * - BUT" Acts 1:7,8

1. It does not seem that he rebuked them for thier inattention or false motives-
2. God has this in his own power, it really is no more of concern to the Christian who has-
3. a Prior concern- that of being witnesses- Acts 1:8-

B. PAUL TAUGHT THAT THE DAY OF THE LORD IS AS A THIEF IN THE NIGHT - I Thes 5:1,2

1. They were taught of the times and seasons- Rapture, Return, and End as they needed it.
2. They knew that when the world expected peace and safety then as in days of Noah- Destruction
3. But-v. 4-6 the coming of the Lord is not to overtake us as a thief in the night!

8- We are instead to put on the breastplate of faith, love, and helmet of Hope.

III.- THE REASON WHY JESUS DID NOT TELL US THE TIME

Some things we desire-like the wish of King Midas- becomes deadly if we get our desires.

A. JESUS TOLD HIS DISCIPLES TO WATCH, PRAY, TAKE HEED * FOR YE KNOW NOT THE TIME Mark 13:33

1. If we knew the time of our death, or the Lord's coming for us- we would coast, then cram.
2. Because we don't know, we need to be continually careful, prayerful, and watchful, surfeiting
3. The warning of Luke 21:34 lest we be caught in the snare of cares of this world, drunkenness

B. SEEING WE KNOW THESE THINGS* WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS OUGHT WE TO BE? II Peter 3:11

1. Pursued by the terror of ~~of~~ the suddenness - Sin ought to be chased from our lives-
2. Having the blessed hope in us- this should woo us with love, to purify ourselves- I John 3:3
3. Some of the things of the future we might not be able to bear- John 16:12

C. IN THE PLACE OF THE EXACT TIME* GOD HAS GIVEN US FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE

1. If we knew the future we would loose all three of these precious jewels
2. Throughout all creation men of God have lived by Faith- not by sight.
3. We need to have a trust in God, His provision, His care - -trusting Him- not ourselves!

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS, BUT WE KNOW WHO HOLDS THE FUTURE

Concl. HAVE YOU PLACED FAITH IN GOD, IN HIS SON JESUS CHRIST, OR DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DO IT YOURSELF

1. Knowing that you are in the dark - re the future- will you turn to Jesus- take him as Savior
2. Knowing that He holds the Future- will you cast off your own will and serve him.
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