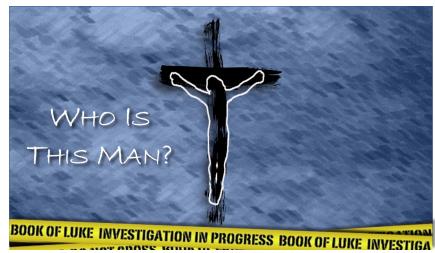
Read Matthew 23. How is this chapter related to Luke 21:5-24? What can we learn about false religion and true religion from what Jesus has to say to the religious leaders?

Read 1 John 3:1-3, and Titus 2:11-14. What do these passages teach about how we should live, especially in relation to the return of Christ?



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## Scripture References

Luke 21:5-24 • Matthew 24 • 1 John 3:1-3

1) We can be certain about what the Bible \_\_\_\_\_, but it's

not always easy to know what it \_\_\_\_\_.

2) When we start to \_\_\_\_\_\_ the Bible, we have to

be aware of our own bias and any presuppositions.

3) Even though Christians have differing beliefs on some

things, there is very widespread agreement on beliefs

that are seen as .

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## **Prayer Requests**

4) We must be careful to focus on essentials that can

\_\_\_\_\_ us instead of non-essentials that can \_\_\_\_\_\_ us.

5) "In essentials, \_\_\_\_\_\_. In non-essentials, \_\_\_\_\_\_, and

in all things, \_\_\_\_\_\_. (Rupertus Meldenius)

- 6) Exact beliefs related to the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of end times events
  - fall into the category of non-essentials.
- 7) When it comes to the return of Christ, we are on the

\_\_\_\_\_ committee, not the \_\_\_\_\_\_ committee.

8) Luke 21:6 (ESV) And you will hear of wars and rumors

of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must

9) A life of Christian integrity and faithfulness far

10) For you, your own <u>death</u> is the end of \_\_\_\_\_\_.

## **Small Group Discussion Questions**

Please try to think these over and jot down some ideas prior to discussing them at the meeting, it will improve the discussion.



What have you been taught about the end times? What type of church were you attending when you learned these things?

In your opinion, what effect do world events have on people's thoughts about the last days? Why?

Read Luke 21:16-19. Jesus says, "some of you will be put to death." But then he says "not a hair on your heads will perish." How can we reconcile these two statements?

Continued on reverse.