The Glory of Christ in the Revelation #13

Outline of Revelation in Matthew 24

Matthew 24:4-39

The Big Picture in Christ's Olivet Discourse (Matthew 24)

- Jesus describes the full sequence of ETE's in vs. 4-14, and then goes back to fill in more detail starting in v. 15.
- The Rapture or Rescue of the Church is described in vs. 29-31.
- The Rescue of the Church does not happen until after the Antichrist is ruling and the Great Persecution.

Rejecting Popular but False Views of the Endtimes

- Pretribulation Rapture- This view is clearly refuted by Matthew 24 and its mention of the "elect" being persecuted, and 2 Thess 1:7 and 2:1-4.
- Preterism & Amillenialism- Disproved by the fact that all biblical prophecy in the past has been fulfilled literally.

The Big Picture in Christ's Revelation (See handout)

Some summary statements

- 1) Revelation is sobering and scary.
- 2) The purpose of Revelation is to set our hearts on Heaven and not on the Earth. (Col 3:1-4; 1 Pet 1:13).

L.I.F.E. Group Discussion?'s

- 1) What was especially meaningful to you about the Sunday message?
- 2) Do you have any doubts or questions about the "substance and sequence" of Endtime events as portrayed in the handout on Matt 24 and Revelation?
- 3) What are the Pretribulation and Preterist views of Matthew 24 and Revelation? Why does Pastor Kurt say these are false? What do you think?
- 4) How does teaching on Revelation help you to obey Colossians 3:1-4 and 1 Peter 1:13? If you obeyed these commands, what specific and practical difference would it make in your life?