

## **The Beginning of the End (Matthew 24:44)**

Philadelphia Eagle Defensive End Reggie White used to deliver a message to the Quarterbacks he sacked. He would say “Jesus is coming again and so am I!” Well, Jesus is coming again, but how is He coming? When is He coming? What will happen when He gets here? The answers to those questions keep us confused because everybody has a different opinion about the Second Coming of Christ. This is why I am preaching a short 3-part series about the return of Christ. I will be looking at 3 popular passages of Scripture that focus on the end of life as we know it. Before jumping into the sermon series, I will be preaching 2 stand-alone sermons. I call them Spiritual Potpourri because each sermon is part of a batch of sermons that are being preached sporadically throughout the year. Just like potpourri is made up of many parts to create a single aroma, these sermons are designed to create a single set of doctrines that will help the Christian grow.

**1/1 - Spiritual Potpourri: What Must I Do to be Saved? (Romans 6):** As we begin 2017, we have a great opportunity for a fresh start. And with that fresh start, we have a chance to check our foundation to make sure we are still secure in our beliefs. For this reason, I am beginning the year with a sermon about the plan of salvation. If we are not secure in the plan of salvation, how can we know for sure that we are saved?

**1/8 - Spiritual Potpourri: It Can Be Done (Matthew 14):** In the midst of a society that constantly puts down the efforts of those who may be struggling, we have a God who is cheering us on! With God all things are possible and it is time for us to start living that way! Our 2017 theme is also the title of this sermon: It Can Be Done.

**1/15 - Here’s Your Sign (Matthew 24):** When will the Lord return? The short answer is that He will return at the moment He wants to return. Of course, this is not good enough for us so many people create theories to see if they can predict the exact time we will see the Lord in the sky. Those predictions make us look silly but that doesn’t stop people from trying! Let’s check the Bible and see what Jesus said about this.

**1/22 - Come On and Crack the Sky (1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11):** How will Jesus return? In Acts 1, the angel said that Jesus would return in the same way He left, in the sky. For this reason, we look to the skies for His return. Paul gives some details about this in the Bible.

**1/29 - The Day of Reckoning (Revelation 20):** After Jesus returns, what will happen to us? The Biblical answer is “Judgment Day” because everybody will face the Judge to give an answer for the way we lived. I just pray that we are prepared to enter heaven when this happens!