

# WORD

with Ps Simon Say

## *Joy to the World*

*Luke 21:25-36*

*Psalm 98:4, 7-9*



LUKE 21:25-36

<sup>25</sup>"There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. <sup>26</sup>Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>At that time they will see the son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

LUKE 21:25-36

<sup>29</sup>He told them this parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. <sup>30</sup>When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. <sup>31</sup>Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

<sup>32</sup>"I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

LUKE 21:25-36

<sup>34</sup>"Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. <sup>35</sup>For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

———— PSALM 98: 4, 7-9 ————

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burst into jubilant song with music...**

**7 Let the sea resound, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it.**

**8 Let the rivers clap their hands,  
let the mountains sing together for joy;**

**9 let them sing before the Lord,  
for he comes to judge the earth.**

**He will judge the world in righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.**

VIDEO  
The Birth Of  
Jesus

# *Poll*

- Was Jesus born on Dec 25th? True/False
- What comes to your mind when you think of Christmas?
- What do you like most about Christmas?
- When is a Christmas carol not a carol?

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— Luke 21:33 —

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## TWO CONSIDERATIONS

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- 1) Reality of the End of the Age  
(Luke 21:25-33)
  - 2) Response towards Jesus' return  
(Luke 21:34-36; Psalm 98:9)
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## **i) Reality of the End of the Age**

- a) It will come**
  - b) It will be 'catastrophic'**
  - c) But we will be saved**
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## 2) Response Towards Jesus' Return

- a) **Be Careful:** Don't fall into the trap (v34). Remember your Identity.
- b) **Be Watchful:** Be alert to happenings (v36a). Realise the Word.
- c) **Be prayerful:** To escape and be worthy (v36b). Rely on God.

# CONCLUSION

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- **Waiting for the Lord's return: Be careful, be watchful, be prayerful**
- **"Love so amazing, love so divine; demands my soul, my life and all" Isaac Watts. Jesus is his all in all!**

**Because all that will determine whether you and I are able to stand before the Son of Man when He comes.**

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# RESPONSE

- **Have you come to a place where you can safely say God's love is so great and amazing for you that it demands all of you, your soul and your life?**
- **How is that reflected in your dealings in life, and in your relationship with God and others?**
- **How can you teach it to your children?**



*Prayer &  
Response*