

## SERMON NOTES

Luke 21

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### What Difference Does Christmas Make: Maybe Today

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I. Famous Predictions of the End of the World

II. Were They Wrong?

A. *Creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. . . We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor,<sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves (Romans 8)*

B. Depends

1. Does it remove us from this world? (sell everything)
2. Does it engage us in this world? (plant a tree)

C. The meaning of Advent

III. Living with Hope

A. Dr. Victor Frankl, Man's Search for Meaning

1. Those who became corrupt and animalistic
2. Those who curled up and died
3. Those who survived

B. Paul, Luther and Calvin—living in hope

C. "Either way, I'm going to be okay!"

D. Maybe Today: *And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. (Luke 21)*

IV. What Difference Does Christmas Make. . .for a Broken World?

A. Living daily with this hope

B. Stir up your power, O Lord, and come!