

In actuality, what Davis confesses ultimately “proved” to him that the Bible and Jesus are unreliable is nothing more than a misinterpretation of Scripture. Jesus was not mistaken in His comments in Matthew 24:34—Jesus’ generation did not pass away prior to witnessing the things Jesus foretold in Matthew 24:4-34. But, Jesus did not foretell in those verses what Davis assumes He foretold. Davis and many others believe that, prior to verse 34, Jesus was describing events that would take place shortly before Judgment Day at the end of time. The fact of the matter is, however, Jesus was prophesying about the coming destruction upon Jerusalem in A.D. 70 and not the final Judgment. When the disciples went to show Jesus the temple buildings (Matthew 24:1), Jesus said, “Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down” (24:2). Later, when Jesus was on the Mount of Olives, the disciples asked Him three questions, beginning with “when will these things be?” (24:3). In verses 4-34, Jesus revealed several signs that would indicate Rome’s destruction of Jerusalem, including the temple, was near. [NOTE: “The fall of the Hebrew system is set forth in the sort of apocalyptic nomenclature that is characteristic of Old Testament literature, e.g., when the prophets pictorially portray the overthrow of Jehovah’s enemies (cf. Isaiah 13:10-11; 34:2ff; Ezekiel 32:7-8)” (Jackson, n.d.); cf. Matthew 24:29-31; see Miller, 2003.] In verses 35-51 (and all of chapter 25), Jesus answered the disciples’ last two questions: “what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” (Matthew 24:3). To summarize, in Matthew 24:4-34 Jesus foretold of the coming destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70, while in 24:35-25:46 He commented on His future return and final Judgment of the world.

How sad it is that so many atheists and skeptics believe they have disproven the Bible and Christianity, when, in reality, they have simply twisted the biblical text to mean something God never intended (cf. 2 Peter 3:16). The fact that Mike Davis highlights Matthew 24:34 as the verse that once and for all proved to him the Bible is unreliable should tell us something about the extreme weakness of the skeptic’s case against Christianity.

Order of Service

Opening Remarks		Clay Bond
Song Leader		Tom Barr
Song #847	<i>Bind Us Together</i>	
Song #539	<i>Praise to God, Immortal Praise</i>	
Prayer		Ray Parks
Song #12	<i>Alas and did My Savior Bleed</i>	
Communion		Don Petrosky, Jr. Dylan Petrosky
Song #730	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	
Song #380	<i>Just as I Am</i>	
Sermon		Clay Bond
Song #434	<i>More Holiness Give Me</i>	
Offering		
Closing Remarks		Clay Bond
Song #64	<i>Take the Name of Jesus with You</i>	
Dismissal Prayer		Sam Phillips

Upcoming Events:

- May 5th – 9th Focal Point Workshop at University Church of Christ in San Marcos
- June 5th – Aug. 28th Summer Series
- Sept. 15th – 18th Gospel Meeting with Ken Hope

Wednesday Devotional

April 17th Holton George
 April 24th

...Prayer List...

Gay Kyle, Butch Crownover, Chris’ cousin Tyler, Esmeralda Medina, Gary will have surgery April 24th

Remember our college students who are away at school: Jarrett & Luke Haydon

Shut-Ins: Robbi George

Attendance: Sunday AM: 28 PM: 27 Wednesday: 24 Contribution: \$3545.51