

Wolf!

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6 PM, May 21, 2011 has passed and we're all here. Jesus did not return to rapture all the true believers into heaven, as predicted on another Ridgecrest Christian radio station. As you may have heard, we here at KRSF 89.3, Radio 74 Internationale, broadcast several programs prior to May 21 telling you that the Bible does NOT say that the judgment hour is 6 PM on May 21. Please don't confuse KRSF 89.3 with that other radio station.

We don't want our credibility, more importantly the credibility of all mainline Christian churches, and most importantly the credibility of the Bible, to suffer because of one minister's folly. The lesson to be learned is that you should not believe what PEOPLE SAY the Bible says; you should read the Bible for yourself and know what the Bible actually says.

People who study the Bible carefully know it doesn't say Jesus would return on May 21. Students of Bible prophecy know that nearly all of the end time prophecies have been fulfilled; but there are still a very few that have not yet happened. In particular, the seven last plagues have not yet happened.

The ministry on that other radio network mixed truth with error. It is true that Jesus is coming back to judge the Earth soon; but it is not true that the Bible predicts a particular date.

There is a fable about a shepherd boy who frequently cried, "Wolf!" to get attention. When a wolf really did come, he cried "Wolf!" and nobody believed him. The lesson is that if you cry wolf when there is no wolf, nobody will believe you when there is.

When a preacher predicts the day and hour of Jesus' return, he gets a lot of attention. But when Jesus doesn't come at the predicted time, people stop paying attention to the warning. Don't let one minister's cry of "Wolf!" blind you to a real Biblical warning. Don't be like the people who ignored the warning cry when the wolf really came.

Please read Matthew Chapter 24 carefully. In it, Jesus talked about his return. Don't depend upon other people to tell you what Jesus said. Read it for yourself. Make your own outline of what Jesus said will happen in Matthew 24. Your outline will probably be something like this:

1. There will be deceptions, including false messiahs.
2. There will be hard physical times, including wars, famines, and earthquakes.
3. There will be hard spiritual times, including persecution, spiritual decline, and an increase in wickedness.
4. But, despite these hard times, some will remain faithful and be saved.
5. The gospel will go to the whole world.
6. Daniel's prophecy about "the abomination that causes desolation" will be fulfilled.
7. Then things will get really bad!
8. There will be more deceptions. Don't believe them.
9. The prophecies about the sun, moon, and stars in Isaiah will be fulfilled.
10. Watch for and recognize these signs.
11. Nobody knows the day or hour, so don't be caught off-guard.
12. If you are faithful, you will be saved.
13. If you think Jesus' return is a long time away, you will be lost.

Jesus was as clear as he could be. He said it is vitally important for you to watch for, and be ready for, His return. He also told one parable about 10 virgins, and another parable about an unfaithful servant who thought his master was not coming back for a long time. The point of both of these parables is that we should expect Jesus to return soon, and not become discouraged because He has waited so long. He has been patiently waiting for you to be ready. He won't wait forever.

Don't let one rogue preacher who has set two bogus dates for Jesus' return deceive you into thinking that Jesus is not returning soon. Live your life as if judgment day is just around the corner because it is! It just wasn't May 21.