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"5 THINGS GOD IS DOING IN THE CORONAVIRUS"

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MATTHEW 24:3-8

CORE STATEMENT: We are in upside-down times, and we must get our eyes off of fear, worry, anger, and wrangling... and get our focus on the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Gospel shines brightest when men fear for their souls as they face eternity.

INSIGHT: Jesus is saying God uses things like COVID to wake the world up to how fragile life is and the reality of divine judgment.

TRUTH: As the time of Christ's judgment draws near, we can expect things like COVID to only increase.

I. GOD IS GIVING A PHYSICAL PICTURE OF THE MORAL HORROR OF SIN.

TRUTH: All suffering is because of sin.

TRUTH: Sin is the reason for disease and death in our world.

TRUTH: Mankind's sin against God is a deadly serious thing, and nothing screams that to us like physical suffering.

INSIGHT: Whenever you or I suffer physically, we need to be reminded...this is because of sin.

II. THE CORONAVIRUS IS A WAKE-UP CALL TO BE READY FOR CHRIST'S RETURN.

III. THE CORONAVIRUS IS GOD'S THUNDERCLAP TO REALIGN OUR LIVES WITH THE INFINITE WORTH OF CHRIST.

INSIGHT: Jesus said the disaster of Luke 13 wasn't meant as a message for those who died but for those who didn't.

QUESTION: Is God calling you, through this disaster of humanity, to repent and take your relationship with God seriously? Is God seeking to wake you up?

IV. THE CORONAVIRUS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISPLAY GENEROSITY.

TRUTH: There is a generosity in the Gospel (Matthew 5:13).

TRUTH: The church is light in a dark world WHEN we show generosity in tough times.

V. THE CORONAVIRUS IS GOD'S TOOL TO LOOSEN THE ROOTS OF SETTLED CHRISTIANS.