The Rapture: Our Coming Hope
1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:3; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Introduction: Jesus stated four times in Matthew 24 that "*no one knows the day or the hour that Jesus will appear"!* Here is the good news for those of us who have decided to follow Jesus as our Lord and Savior—Jesus will save us from the days called "***The Seven Years of Tribulation"!*** How do I know that?

1. **Because of Paul's Teaching**

- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:3 – Notice the contrast between 4:13-18 and 5:1-3

  4:13-18 5:1-3

- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

  2:1 2:2-12

  - Verses 3-12 – The "man of _____"

  Matthew 24:15 Daniel 9:26-27 Daniel 11:31 Daniel 12:11

2. **Because of Old Testament Patterns**
   a. Genesis 6-7
   b. Genesis 19
   c. Exodus 14

3. **Because of John's Revelation**
   a. Chapters 1-3
   b. Chapters 4-21
   c. Chapter 22:16

Conclusion: This morning you must decide what you are going to do with Jesus!