

The First Baptist Church of Columbus

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**Sermon Notes Outline
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T I T L E: Contemporary Signs of The Immanency of His Return

T E X T: Matthew 24:1-14; Daniel 12:1-4

I. THE MEANS OF COMMUNICATING THE GOSPEL THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE WORLD ARE NOW IN PLACE TO FULFILL THE GREAT COMMISSION. Mat. 24:3, 14

Matthew 28:19–20

So in our modern world this is no problem at all. Recently, the entire world's eyes turned to Vatican City. Many watched with bated breath for hours as Argentina's Cardinal Bergoglio was elected as Pope Francis. Seconds after the announcement was made, his Wikipedia page was updated, and Twitter was overwhelmed with the amount of buzz around this single, historical event. I remember seeing a picture of people gathered in Vatican Square with thousands of smart phones held up in the dark, all taking pictures of the new Pope on the balcony.

The technology for this to occur did not exist until recently. Through tablets, computers, and smart phones this verse can be fulfilled. Now it can happen.

We can say that the sign of instant, worldwide communications has been fulfilled, and the stage is being set for God's final two witnesses.

- A. It is possible that God has programmed each individual with a built-in sense of discernment of His existence resulting in enough gospel understanding to be born again even though they may have never heard the gospel verbalized.

See Romans chapter 1:18-20

- B. God is a person of integrity and will not send anyone to Hell without an adequate understanding of the gospel and His existence.

II. ANOTHER SIGN OF HIS IMMANENT RETURN IS THE REALITY OF AN UNPRECEDENTED MEANS AND RANGE OF TRAVEL.

Daniel 12:4

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III. A THIRD SIGN OF HIS IMMANENT RETURN IS THE CONTINUOUS INCREASE IN KNOWLEDGE. Dan. 12:4

- A. Machine age
- B. Education age
- C. Scientific age
- D. Forensics...