Will Jesus Return Again?

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INTRODUCTION

- Paul tells these Christians in Thessalonica to watch out for false doctrines that were being spread about the return of Jesus.
- Even today, there's a lot of confusion concerning the return of Jesus. There are a lot of false ideas and false doctrines about the return of Jesus.
- We must remind ourselves of what the Bible says about this so that we will be able to recognize fake and false and counterfeit doctrines that are taught about it.

1 There Are Many Comings of the Lord

Isaiah 13; Mark 9:1; Matthew 26:64

- The vast majority of the comings of the Lord have nothing to do with a literal and personal coming of the Lord, but the vast majority have to do with the Lord coming in judgment.
- In Isaiah chapter 13, the prophet Isaiah talks about the Lord coming in destruction upon the wicked people of Babylon.
- Hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of heaven.
- He's talking about coming in judgment upon the wicked nation of Israel.

2 He Came Literally, in the Form of a Man

John 1:14

- And the word became flesh and he dwelt among us. That's talking about Jesus.
- He's talking about the grand occasion when God, when deity literally stepped out of heaven, and he was born of a woman, and people saw him.

3 The Lord Will Literally and Personally Come Again

John 14:1–3; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; 1 Corinthians 11:26

- If I go prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself. That where I am, there you may be also.
- This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will come just in the same way as you have watched him go into heaven.
- Just like he left personally, he will return personally. It's not going to be unnoticed. It's not going to be mysterious, it's not going to be spiritual.
- For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.
- According to the Bible, we're going to be partaking of the Lord's Supper until the Lord comes back.

4 Resurrection and the Judgment Day

John 5:28–29; 1 Corinthians 15; Matthew 25:31–46

- Resurrection, the raising of the dead, the reuniting of souls with bodies.
- For an hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come forth.
- We all are going to be raised from the dead. We all are going to be made alive again. The righteous will be raised, the wicked will be raised.
- Jesus is saying that when he comes back, we're going to be judged. We're going to be judged according to the type of lives that we have chosen to live.

5 The World Destroyed, a Gathering, Forever

2 Peter 3:3–10; 1 Thessalonians 4:17; Matthew 25:46

- But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.
- Just like God literally destroyed the world of Noah's day with water, he will also literally do the same thing with fire on the day of the Lord.
- There's gonna be a gathering when the Lord comes back, and then after that, wherever we end up, we're gonna be there forever.
- When the Lord uses that word there, he's talking about the moment when time is no more.

6 Three Reasons Why This Matters

Ephesians 4:4; Titus 2:13; 2 Peter 3:11–14

- First, this matters because whether we like it or not, when it comes to the return of Jesus, we all gonna experience it.
- Secondly, this matters because this is our hope.
- Third and finally, it matters because it should be impacting how we live every day.
- Since the Lord is going to come back and we don't know when he's coming back, we got to be living right today.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Will you be ready if it happened today? If the Lord came back today, would you be ready to stand before him?**

MY NOTES