

# Jesus Is Coming Again

## I. PROMISE OF SECOND COMING.

1. Jesus Promised.  
Matt. 16:27, 24:17; John 14:3, 18, 28.
2. Angels Promised. Acts 1:10-11.
3. Peter Promised. Acts 3:21.
4. Paul Promised. 1 Cor. 15:20-24; 11:26; 4:5.



## II. WHEN IS JESUS COMING?

1. No One Knows. 1 Thess. 5:2-3; 2 Pet. 3:9-13; Matt. 24:36.
2. What About Signs In Matt. 24?  
2 Questions in Matt. 24:3.  
Destruction Of Jerusalem & 2nd Coming.  
Matt. 24:4-34. Sign Of Destruction Of Jerusalem.  
Matt. 24:36-Mt. 25. The 2nd Coming.

## III. WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN JESUS COMES?

1. World Destroyed. 2 Pet. 3:9-13.
2. Dead Raised. John 5:28-29; Acts 24:15; John 11:24; 1 Cor. 15:51-53; 1 Thess. 4:13-17; 2 Thess. 1:7-9.
3. Judgment. Acts 17:30-31; 2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:10; 2 Pet. 2:4, 9.
4. Punishment Of Wicked. Matt. 25:46; Jude 1:6-7.

## JESUS IS COMING AGAIN

INTRO: As we have studied in past lessons, there are certain things on which Christianity stands or falls. As we found, Jesus fulfilled prophecy. If He did not fulfill these prophecies, He is not the Son of God, the Christ, the Savior of mankind. If Jesus was not resurrected from the grave, Christianity is false and we are the most pitiable people in the world. We have hope only in this life; we are still in our sins and have no hope of having our sins forgiven. But, we have proof that Jesus was crucified for our sins and that He was raised from the dead. Because of this, we also believe that Jesus is coming again. He promised He would come! Just as surely as He fulfilled prophecy, as surely as He was crucified for our sins and raised in the resurrection, He is coming again. The fact that Jesus came the first time gives us persuasive evidence that He is coming again, as was promised and prophesied in the New Testament.

There are many people today who do not believe that Jesus is coming again. These scoffers say, "The world has been going on for thousands of years and we have no evidence that it won't continue forever." Others say, "People have been foretelling the end of the world for centuries, but the sun continues to shine each day as it always has." Again we hear, "Only religious fools believe that Jesus is coming again. It is just a fairy tale or an old Jewish superstition handed down in the Bible." Friends, such sayings are not new. Peter tells of such in his day. 2 Pet. 3:3-4. Scoffers still exist today. They ridicule and mock the same as those in the time of Peter.

### I. THE PROMISE OF JESUS' SECOND COMING

- A. Jesus promised He would come again. Matt. 16:27. No mere man could have known or said this. This is a prophecy of the general resurrection and the coming judgment. Matt. 24:27. This may be a prophecy of the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus. It also foretells the coming of Jesus the second time. John 14:3; John 14:28.
- B. The angels promised His second coming. Acts 1:10-11.
- C. Peter said the heavens must receive Christ until the times of the restoration of all things. Acts 3:21.
- D. Paul said Christ will come again. 1 Cor. 15:20-24. When Christians partake of the Lord's Supper, they do show forth His death till he comes again. 1 Cor. 11:26; 1 Cor. 4:5.

### II. WHEN IS JESUS COMING?

There have been so many religious quacks and date-setters putting forth all kinds of theories as to when Jesus is coming again.

- A. The truth is not difficult: no one knows when Jesus is coming again. Jesus is coming as a thief, when we least expect Him. 1 Thess. 5:2-3; 2 Pet. 3:9-13; Matt. 24:36.
- B. What about the signs of Jesus' coming in Matthew chapter 24? This is the passage used by many to show when Jesus is coming again. The signs in the chapter are cited and applied to the second coming of

Christ and the end of the world. They say the signs are evident. "Wars and rumors of wars" along with other signs in Matthew 24 they apply to today's situation and therefore fulfill what Jesus said, so concludes the second coming of Christ must take place right away. It is true that the second coming of Jesus may be near, but not on the basis of the signs in Matthew 24. Let us notice what Matthew 24 is teaching.

1. The disciples came to Christ to show him the buildings of the temple. They were astonished when Jesus said, "There shall not be left here one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down." (Matt. 24:2).
2. The disciples asked at least two separate questions. First, "when shall these things be?" That means, when shall the buildings of the temple be destroyed? Then the second question was, "And what shall be the sign of thy coming? And the end of the world?" (Matt. 24:3). It is a mistake to assume that Jesus deals only with His second coming and the end of the world.
3. The Lord first answers their question about "When shall these things be?" That question was about the destruction of the temple. Jesus gave them clear, unmistakable signs so they could know when the destructions of the temple would take place.

Notice some of the signs:

- a. False teachers would come (Vs. 4-5).
- b. Wars and rumors of wars (Vs. 6-7).
- c. Famines and earthquakes in many places (Vs. 7).
- d. Tribulation; killing you; you will be hated (Vs. 9).
- e. People shall betray and hate each other (Vs. 10).
- f. False prophets shall arise (Vs. 11).
- g. Sin will be multiplied; the love of God for many will wax cold (Vs. 12)
- h. He that endures to the end shall be saved (Vs. 13).
- i. The Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached to the whole world (Vs. 14). The Gospel was preached to the whole world before the destruction of Jerusalem. Col. 1:23.
- j. The abomination of desolation (Vs. 15). Destruction of Jerusalem. Notice Luke 21:20-28.
- k. Flee to the mountains (Vs. 16). If this is the second coming, it would do no good to flee to the mountains. When the end of the world comes, the mountains will be destroyed also.

These signs referred to the destruction of Jerusalem that happened in A.D. 70, not the end of the world. The signs are put in their proper perspective when you read Matt. 24:34. All these signs in Matthew chapter 24 were indications of the destruction of Jerusalem which came to pass before that generation passed (in 70 A.D.). But what of verses 29-30. In the Scriptures, the fall of nations and powers are described in terms of heavenly constellations (for example Isa. 13:10). This has reference to the

fall of Babylon. Here the fall of a nation is described in terms of heavenly bodies. So the language in Matt. 24:29 refers to the fall and collapse of the Jewish nation, not the end of time and the destruction of the world. What about Christ coming on the clouds in Matt. 24:30? This is a description of Jesus coming in Judgment upon Jerusalem, not his second coming. Similar language is found in Isa. 19:1 with regard to God's judgment on Egypt. This was not the personal coming of the Lord, but his coming in judgment. Every reference to the coming of the Lord does not mean His personal second coming. Jesus promised in Matt. 16:28. The Lord did come in his kingdom in Acts 2, but that is not the same as his personal coming at the end of time. In Matt. 24:4-34, signs are given concerning the destruction of Jerusalem, but notice the change of emphasis beginning with verse 36. Matt. 24:36. There are no signs given of the second coming. Only God knows when that will be. How can preachers read these signs about the destruction of Jerusalem and apply them to the second coming Jesus? Notice Matt. 24:33. The disciples could know by these signs that the destruction of Jerusalem and tearing down of the temple was nigh, at the door. The purpose was to inform Christians so they could flee for safety to the mountains and avoid the terrible doom that awaited Jerusalem. It would be useless to flee to the mountains at the second coming of Jesus. It is inexcusable to use these verses with reference to the second coming. Matt. 24:4-34. These were signs to show when these things, the destruction of Jerusalem, would occur.

4. The second question of the disciples is, "What shall be the sign of thy coming and the end of the world?" Matt. 24:3. Jesus in Matthew gives the answer to the second question. Matt. 24:36 and the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter. Notice Matt. 24:36. No one but God knows about the second coming of Jesus. He shows how men did not know when the flood was coming in the time of Noah until he entered the ark. Matt. 24:37-39. Jesus gave the warning: you don't know when Jesus will come again, so watch and be ready. Matt. 24:40-44. The Lord will come unexpectedly. Matt. 24:40-51. In Matt. 25:1-12, Jesus tells of the ten Virgins. Five were unprepared for His coming. Then the warnings to be ready for you do not know when He is coming. Matt. 25:13. In Matt. 25:14-30, Jesus tells of the one-talent man who was unprepared for the Lord's coming. Then in Matt. 25:31-46, He gives the picture of the judgment and those who are unprepared for his second coming. We must be prepared because we do not know when Jesus is coming again.

### III. WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN JESUS COMES?

- A. The world will be destroyed. 2 Pet. 3:9-13.
- B. The dead shall be raised and the living changed. John 5:28-29; Acts 24:15; John 11:24; 1 Cor. 15:51-53. 1 Thess. 4:13-17; 2 Thess. 1:7-9.

- C. The judgment. Acts 17:30-31; 2 Cor. 5:10; 2 Pet. 2:4,9;
- D. Punishment of the wicked. Matt. 25:46; Jude 1:6-7.

CONCL: Jesus is coming again. We must be ready to meet Him. If we believe that He is God's Son, repent, confess our faith in Christ, and be baptized for remission of sins, we will be in Christ. We must live according to God's word and be ready for the Second Coming of Jesus.