

How Will Christ Come?

My Journey With God series

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As to the manner of Christ's coming there can be no doubt. It will not be hidden from the eyes of men. He will be seen by those living on the earth. "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13). The Bible emphasizes this truth that the Lord will appear openly when He comes. Read the following verses:

Colossians 3:4

1 Peter 5:4

1 John 2:28

1 John 3:2

1 Peter 1:7

1 Timothy 6:14

2 Timothy 4:1

Matthew 24:30

How many tribes of earth will see Christ's return?

"And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall _____ the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory" (Mathew 24:30).

Note: Christ does not appear merely to a certain class that may be expecting Him, but rather to every living soul on the earth.

What was the testimony of the two angels at His ascension as to the manner in which Christ will return?

"And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have _____ him go into heaven" (Acts 1:9-11).

Will both the righteous and the wicked see Christ when He comes?

"Behold, he cometh with clouds; and _____ shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen" (Revelation 1:7).

Note: The idea that Christ comes secretly and that His coming becomes known to the rest of mankind only by the absence of the righteous is untrue. In order for those who pierced Christ to see Him return there will be a special resurrection to make this possible.

Will Christ come in silence?

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a _____, with the _____ of the archangel, and with the _____ of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first" (1 Thessalonians 4:16).

How did Christ illustrate the visibility of His return?

"For as the _____ cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Mathew 24:27).

Conclusion

Jesus looked ahead through the centuries and knew that some would be deceived as to the manner of His coming. Therefore, he uttered this warning, "Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not" (Mathew 24:23-26). Since we know the manner of His coming we can look for Him. "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation" (Hebrews 9:28).

- I believe in the visible, audible, and worldwide coming of Jesus.
- I believe that Jesus will not come in secret but that "every eye" will see Him.
- I will invite Jesus in my home so that my whole family will be ready to meet Him when He comes to take us all to heaven.

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