

The Return of Jesus

Matthew 24:36-25:41

Introduction

- A. Have you ever heard or used the phrase, “I’d have to see it to believe it” in your life?
- B. Too many people feel this way when it comes to the teachings of God’s Word.

Whether People Believe or Not, Jesus is Coming Back & Nothing can Change that.

- A. The Old Testament Prophecies (Isa. 45:23; Dan. 12:2-3).
- B. The New Testament Confirms (Acts 1:11; Heb. 9:28; I Cor. 15:20-24; I Thess. 4:15-16).
- C. Jesus Promised it (Jn. 14:2-3).

No One Knows the Day or Time that Jesus will return (Matt. 24:36)

- A. People have spent a lot of time trying to predict the return of Jesus (Ex: various predictions).
- B. Jesus Himself did not know when His return would take place.

Nothing Will Be Out of the Ordinary on that Day (Matt. 24:37-39)

- A. Noah spent yrs. building the ark & preaching (Heb. 11:7; 2 Pet. 2:5).
- B. People will go about their daily lives not expecting the return to happen (vs. 40-41).

No One Will Miss His Return (Matt. 24:40-41)

- A. No matter where we are or what we are doing, when Jesus comes again we will know it.
- B. Every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him (Rev. 1:7).

Keep Watch and Always Be Prepared (Matt. 24:42-51)

- A. Some will rejoice at His return because they have been eagerly awaiting.
- B. Some will regret His return because they will be found unprepared (Matt. 7:13-14).

There is No Shared Preparation (Matt. 25:1-13)

- A. The foolish virgins wanted the wise to share the extra oil they had brought.
- B. Every person will be responsible for themselves (Rom. 14:12).

We will Give an Account (Matt. 25:14-30)

- A. Too many will stand before God having buried what God had entrusted to them.
- B. No amount of excuses will work on the Day of Judgment.

God will Divide the Righteous and the Unrighteous (Matt. 25:31-46)

- A. Those who have kept watch and prepared for the Lord's return will enter into eternal life.
- B. Those who have not kept watch and prepared for the Lord's return will enter into everlasting punishment.

CONCLUSION:

- A. If we are living right, we won't need any signs to indicate the Lord's return.
- B. If we aren't eagerly longing for the Lord's return, perhaps we're not ready for Him to return.