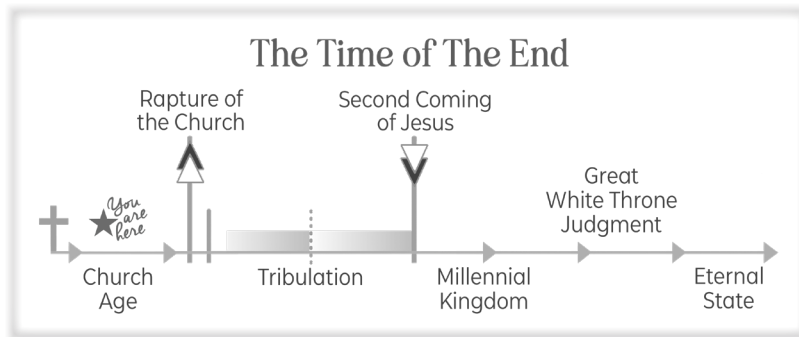


Ready or Not, Here He Comes

MATTHEW 24:29-31



I. Jesus' second coming will be completely _____ from His first.

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." vv. 29-31

Jesus will return physically.

Jesus will return visibly.

Jesus will return powerfully.

2 ADVENTS OF CHRIST CONTRASTED

At His First Coming

He came as a meek servant

He came in humility to a manger

He came to seek and save the lost

He came to suffer for sinners

He came to invite others' allegiance

At His Second Coming

He will come as a majestic ruler

He will come in splendor to a throne

He will come to judge those unwilling to submit

He will come to rescue the saints

He will come to implement His authority

II. Jesus' second coming will set up the _____ of God's purposes.

Jesus will establish His kingdom on earth where He will rule and reign.

Jesus will fulfill every promise He's ever made.

Jesus will end the suffering of His people.

Jesus will judge His enemies who would never bow their knee to Him.

LIVING WITH The End IN MIND

Place your trust in Jesus' _____ for your sins.

Place your trust in Jesus' _____ from His Word.

Place your trust in Jesus' _____ for this world.

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DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

1. In which role do you see Jesus: the meek servant of His first advent, or the reigning king and judge of His second coming? Why is it important to understand both?

FOR THIS WEEK

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:
Matthew 24:30

"Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

JOURNAL:

Matthew 24:29-31

"Throughout history, skeptics have had a field day in relation to prophetic Scripture—poking fun, making jokes, and picking apart prophecies. This perennial pastime of scoffers will be especially prevalent as the world gets closer to the last days. The apostle Peter wrote about this near the end of his second letter: 'Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation"' (2 Pet 3:3-4). It's easy to think like that if you choose to ignore cataclysmic events like the Flood, when God judged the ungodly people of the world back in the days of Noah. Or it's easy to tease those who believe in biblical prophecy if you think the story of God's judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah and the rescue of Lot was just a myth to scare people into believing. But as it happened in the days of Noah and Lot, so it will be in the future when Christ returns. Those who are unprepared will suddenly find themselves overcome by a period of worldwide judgment. Ready or not, Jesus is coming!"

CHARLES SWINDOLL

JOURNAL Matthew 24:29-31

We should never get too comfortable in the world. The gap between His first coming and His second coming is a delay only from our human perspective.

Read 2 Peter 3:8. How does this help you to stay alert, patiently waiting while diligently working?

2. Read Matthew 24:29-31. How did Jesus describe His return? How does this description contrast with what went before?

3. The serious and sudden judgments at the return of Christ are not just metaphorical, designed to move people to repentance—they are real and irreversible. We only get one opportunity to believe as long as we're alive: "It is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment" (Heb 9:27). What do these verses tell us about delaying decisions, being unprepared and hoping for second chances?

4. Why do you think that Christ didn't make it clear that we should have to wait so long for His return? How would knowing the exact time of His coming affect the work of the kingdom?

5. Changing our eternal destination must take place in this life. The only way to be assured of eternal life is to accept Christ's sacrificial, atoning death for us and His miraculous, bodily resurrection (1 Cor 15:1-5). We are saved by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone, or we are not saved at all. How does this truth affect your daily life? Who are you praying for in this regard?

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

ELDER PRAYER The Elders and their wives would love to spend time with you and pray for any encouragement or healing you need in your life right now. God does extraordinary things when we go to Him, and we're excited to do this together today at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. If you would like to learn more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/eldersprayer.

WOMEN'S FALL PRAYER RETREAT Join our Women's Ministry on Friday, Oct. 14 through Saturday, Oct. 15 at Riverbend Retreat Center in Glen Rose. Focusing on prayer, you'll hear messages and testimonies, and have opportunities for personal time in the Word and in community with other Christ Chapel women. Learn about registration and accommodations by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/fallprayer.

LUNCH WITH A MISSIONARY Ever wonder about our Global Missions Ministry? Join us Sunday, Oct. 16 for Lunch with a Missionary! Fellowship with one another and learn more about how to support the persecuted church around the world. We will be meeting in the Oak Room at 12:30 p.m. If you would like to learn more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/withamissionary.

HOME GROUPS A church family is Sunday mornings, but it is also the people who walk with you through everyday circumstances. Get connected in a Home Group! From studying Scripture together to catching up about your week, Home Groups are a great way to meet more people here at Christ Chapel. Visit www.ccbcfamily.org/homegroups to learn more.

REDEEMED SEXUALITY Thursdays, starting Oct. 20 from 6:30-8 p.m., join this 8-week men's soul care group to discover the freedom we have in Christ and the biblical model for sexuality and identity. Learn more by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/soulcare.

DADDY DAUGHTER ADVENTURE One of the greatest gifts you can give your daughter is the knowledge of who she is in Jesus. Join us on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 8:30 a.m. through 3 p.m. as we equip you to teach your daughter more about her identity in Christ. There will also be a time of outdoor fun, snacks and worship. Learn more by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/adventure.

THERE'S A JOB FOR YOU From facilities and worship to students and creative, every role at Christ Chapel makes it possible for us to make much of Jesus! We want to invite you into a conversation about being a part of our team today. Visit www.ccbcfamily.org/jobs to get started.



LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE. The process is quick and easy—text CCBCONLINE to 833-422-7200 to get started.