

JESUS CHRIST RETURNS

Jesus is Returning!

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Are you ready?

- ▶ Like a Final exam in school.
- ▶ Day of reckoning
- ▶ No do-over. This is it. No second chance.
- ▶ When Jesus returns, the final is over forever

What does this mean?

- ▶ Sounds strange to many
- ▶ Why would we think this?
- ▶ What does it mean?
- ▶ Why should I care?

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Why would we think so?

- ▶ Jesus said he would return - Matthew 24:30, Mark 13:26, ...
 - ▶ Jesus said he would be crucified - it happened - Mark 8:31, 9:31
 - ▶ Jesus said he would rise from the dead - it happened - Mark 9:31
 - ▶ Jesus' coming was foretold in the Bible hundreds of times with very precise descriptions
 - ▶ Exact year - Daniel 9:25
 - ▶ Description of his death - Isaiah 53:8
 - ▶ Place of birth, life - Micah 5:2,
 - ▶ Suffering he would face - Isaiah 53; Micah 5:1; Isaiah 50:6
 - ▶ Over 300 prophecies predicted very specific aspects of Jesus life, death and resurrection
- ▶ Every one of these were fulfilled 100%

What does it mean?

- ▶ When Jesus returns, the final is over forever!
- ▶ Great news for followers of Jesus!
 - ▶ Jesus said he would take us to be with him
- ▶ Bad news for others
 - ▶ Beginning of judgement

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1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 - Believers

- ▶ We have hope in Christ!
- ▶ Just as Jesus rose from the dead, those who die will be brought to life by God!
- ▶ When Jesus returns
 1. The dead will rise to be with Christ
 2. Those alive will then be caught up to meet Jesus in the clouds (rapture)
 3. We will be with him forever

Revelation 6:15-17 - Unbelievers

- ▶ Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. 16 They called to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! 17 For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can withstand it?”
- ▶ Time of judgement, wrath

Why care?

- ▶ Signs of the end are all around us (next week)
- ▶ Urgency to get life right with God
- ▶ Urgency to tell others about Jesus

God Made a Way for us to Ace the Final

- ▶ We cannot pass the final on our own.
- ▶ 2 Peter 3:9 - The Lord is ... not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.
- ▶ John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Be ready

- ▶ Luke 12:38 - It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak.
- ▶ Get life right with God
- ▶ Tell others about Jesus