

“THIS JESUS...WILL COME AGAIN”

Acts 1:6-11

THE DESCRIPTION OF CHRIST’S SECOND COMING**1. It will be a LITERAL return. I.e., real, not just figurative. Acts 1:11**

→ The Second Coming doesn’t happen figuratively through cultural, social, political progress, advancement, etc.

2. It will be a BODILY return. I.e., physical, not just spiritual. 1 Thes. 4:16

→ The Second Coming didn’t happen when the Holy Spirit was given on the Day of Pentecost.

3. It will be an OBVIOUS return. I.e., visible, known. Rev. 1:7; Luke 21:27

→ The Second Coming won’t go unnoticed. Paul addressed this false teaching in 2 Thes 2:1-2.

4. It will be a SUDDEN return. 1 Cor. 15:52; 1 Thes. 5:2

→ There will be signs ahead of His return (Ref. Mt 24:32-35: parable of fig tree; 2 Thes 2:3-12), but His return itself will be instantaneous.

5. It will be a GLORIOUS return. Matt. 16:27; 25:31**THE RESULT OF CHRIST’S SECOND COMING****1. The CONSUMATION of HISTORY.**

- The return of Christ will bring the completion & fulfillment of history.

2. The RECREATION of heaven and earth. 2 Peter 3:10-13; Ref. Revelation 21:1; Isaiah 65:17; 66:22

- The creation will be destroyed by fire and God will re-create a new creation (new heavens and new earth).
- C.S. Lewis: It will be very much like the current creation, minus every aspect of sin and the Fall.

3. The RESSURECTION. 1 Corinthians 15:20-58; John 5:28-29

- At death, the souls of Xns go immediately into heaven; the souls of non-Xns go immediately into hell.
- At Christ’s return our bodies will be resurrected—both Christians and non-Christians. Acts 24:15

4. The JUDGMENT. 2 Cor. 5:10; Heb. 9:27

- Everyone who has ever lived will appear before God to give an account of every thought, word, deed.
 - Those who have trusted in Jesus Christ alone for salvation will be openly acknowledged & found innocent.
 - Those who have not trusted in Christ will be openly exposed and found guilty.
- Christians will live forever in the new heavens and new earth. Matt 25:34
- Non-Christians will enter eternal punishment in hell, forever separated from God. Matt 25:41

5. The ETERNAL REIGN of God. Rev. 11:15; 1 Cor. 15:26; Isaiah 11:6; 65:17-25

- The complete and unchallenged rule of the LORD will continue forever.

APPLICATIONS**1. The First Advent (Christmas) happened so that we could endure the Second Advent. John 3:36; 3:3**

- Prepare my soul for Christ’s return—turn from my sin and trust in God’s plan of salvation: Jesus Christ.

2. The reality of Christ’s return is a positive and spiritually *gracious* teaching for Christians. (‘full of grace’)

- His return is the believer’s comfort. 1 Thes 4:18: *Therefore comfort one another with these words.*
- His return is the believer’s encouragement. 1 Thes 5:11: *Therefore encourage one another & build up one another.*
- Christ’s return is the believer’s hope. Titus 2:13; 1 Peter 1:13; Jude 24

→ Am I a Christian? If yes, what will be my biggest spiritual regrets if Christ returned tomorrow?