

Jesus is coming!

Matt. 24:36 – 51

Jesus is coming, are you ready to meet Jesus face to face? I cannot promise you when Jesus will return but I can promise you He is coming. Jesus said, **Matthew 24:30** “*And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all 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.*” Oh, what a blessed time that will be, I cannot imagine the glory of God filling the sky to announce to this wicked and ungodly world that Jesus has arrived for His rapture. In verse 31 Jesus said, “*And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.*” Jesus will rapture every single believer from this earth, and this earth will be void of all believers. This day is the one single day that Christians have waited on since Jesus was ascended into the heavens. **Acts 1:11** “*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 seen him go into heaven.*” Jesus left in the clouds, and He will return in the clouds. What a day that will be.

Let us look at this event just a little.

A. The Father will tell the Son “It is time”.

1. “*But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.*” **Matthew 24:36** We do not know when Jesus will return, the Angels in heaven don’t know that day, not even Jesus knows that day nor hour, just God the Father.
2. I’m not preaching this message to debate anything, I just interpret the scriptures the best I can, by the grace of God and by the blessings of the Holy Spirit. Opinions vary, no one knows everything about nothing. But God said thru Mark in **Mark 13:32** “*But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.*”
3. John Gill said, “*Christ, as the son of man; though he did know it as the Son of God, who knows all things, and so this; but as the son of man, and from his human nature he had no knowledge of any thing future*” And I agree.

4. Regardless of human debate, Jesus is coming at the precise time that God has selected. Could it be today? Yes, if not tomorrow? Yes, the truth is it could be at any time. Are we ready?

B. The truth is, very few are ready.

1. God said that many would not be ready, Matthew 24:37 *“But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”* What does this time have to do with the return of Christ? V.V. 38 – 39 *“For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”* – Do we not see this image today?
2. While Christians forget about this day approaching, they just carry on with life as though He is not coming. Jesus asked in **Luke 18:8** *“I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?”*
3. We are all responsible to prepare ourselves for our face-to-face appearance before the Lord. Are you ready, are we ready? Are we truly ready or are as they were in the days of Noah?
 - a. Are Christians neglecting the word of God?
 - b. Are Christians neglecting the house of God?
 - c. Are Christians hearing what we are preaching?
 - d. Are Christians simply surrendered to their fleshly will to the desires of the world?
4. Did the people expect the floods, no, because they did not believe. Just in that day many Christians have deleted this day from their thoughts. They do not really believe that Jesus could come today.
5. The world has an excuse, Christians are without excuse. After the rapture is the judgment, are we all ready? **Matthew 24:39** *“And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”* – in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye we shall be face-to-face with Jesus. Without warning, and without time to correct our disobedience.

- C. It will be sudden. **Matthew 24:40 – 41** *“Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. (41) Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.”*
1. We will be working together, eating together, enjoying time together, or maybe sleeping, and suddenly and without notice the last trump will sound and the angels on the four corners of the earth will collect all believers.
 2. There will be no warning, God doesn't give warning, His warnings are today, and when time has expired it's over. Just as it was in Noah's day, and in the day of Sodom and Gomorrah. **Luke 17:28 - 29** *“Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; (29) But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.”* Are we all looking for Jesus or are we saying “it isn't today”.
 3. **Mat 24:42** *“Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.”*
 4. Mark wrote this warning. **Mark 13:33** *“Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.”*
- D. We better be ready, if not we are without excuse. **Matthew 24:43 - 44** *“But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. (44) Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.”*
1. Ready means to be alert, prepared, having our lamps trimmed, and watching every hour of every day.
 2. Has the Lamb's wife made herself ready? **Revelation 19:7** *“Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.”*
 3. If there is issues with any believer, or any church, today is the day to repent of those issues and be prepared, tomorrow may not come for us. **Proverbs 27:1** *“Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.”* - **James 4:14** *“Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.”*
 4. Are you ready, are we ready for Jesus to catch us away?

