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Is Jesus Christ Coming Again?



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Yes! Yes! Yes, Christ is coming again – and He's coming soon. Jesus Christ, the Creator of heaven and earth, God in the flesh, the Son of God and Son of Man is, without question, coming back to this world. You need to know this and be convinced of this, and be looking forward to Christ's return to rapture the church and reign over this earth.

About 2000 years ago Jesus Christ lived on this planet for the first time. In fact, many Old Testament verses predicted His coming, and also His purpose on this earth. Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53 say it best, that Jesus came to suffer, die, and pay for the sins of sinners – and all those who repent of their sins and believe that He died for them will be forgiven. After Jesus died, He rose from the dead, ascended into

heaven, and now sits at the right hand of the Father, awaiting that time when His Father sends Him back to this earth. Psalm 22:27-29, Acts 3:14-21

What does God's word say about Christ's coming? Jesus Himself promised that He was coming back. *"The coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah"* (Matt. 24:37). *"I will come again and receive you to myself"* (John 14:3). *"Behold, I am coming soon"* (Rev. 22:7, 12, 20). Peter talked about *"the revelation of Jesus Christ"* (1 Pet. 1:13). John told us, *"We know that when He appears, we will be like Him"* (1 John 3:2). James instructed us, *"Be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord"* (James 5:7). He went on to say, *"The Judge is standing right at the door"* (James 5:9). Paul spoke of *"the day of Christ Jesus,"* referring to His return (Phil. 1:6). Paul talked about those *"who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord"* (1 Thess. 4:15). He also tells us, *"Wait for His* (God's) *Son from heaven"* (1 Thess. 1:10). The angel told the apostles, *"This Jesus... will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven"* (Acts 1:11). Truly, truly, Jesus Christ is coming back to this earth, and much sooner than most people think.

How is Christ coming back? Jesus is not coming back meekly or quietly like a lamb, but like a lion, with power and glory – *"They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory"* (Matt. 24:30). To unbelievers, Jesus is coming back suddenly and surprisingly – *"The day of the Lord will come just like a thief... destruction will come upon them suddenly..."* (1 Thess. 5:2-3). To all people, Jesus will come back visibly, not secretly – *"Behold, He is coming with the clouds and every eye will see Him"* (Rev. 1:7). *"Just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be"* (Matt. 24:27). Christ's coming will be announced – *"The Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God..."* 1 Thess. 4:16-17

When is Christ coming back? Heb. 10:37 tells us that it won't be long from now, *"For yet in a very little while, He who is coming will come, and will not delay."* Rom. 10:11-12 says that *"Salvation is nearer to us than when we first believed. The night is almost gone, and the day is near."* In answer to the disciples' question, *"When will these things happen, and what is the sign of your coming?"* (Matt. 24:3), Christ gave them numerous signs that must occur before His return – birth pains (vss. 5-8), false prophets (vs. 11), increasing lawlessness (vs. 12), preaching the gospel to the world (vs. 14), the abomination of desolation (Antichrist – vs. 15), great tribulation (vss. 9, 21), and heavenly signs (vs. 29). End-time Christians who are waiting and watching will see that Christ's coming is drawing near. In other words, you can know the general time of Christ's return, but you cannot know the exact time, *"For of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son of Man, but the Father alone"* (Matt. 24:36). Encourage one another *"as you see the day drawing near."* Heb. 10:25

Why is Christ coming back? What is His purpose in returning to earth? Here are the reasons:

1. To rapture the church – *"We who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air."* 1 Thess. 4:17, Matt. 24:31
2. To give us relief from tribulation – *"… to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven."* 2 Thess. 1:7; Matt. 24:21-22, 29-31
3. To deliver us from God's wrath – *"… to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is, Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come."* 1 Thess. 1:10, Rev. 6-9
4. To redeem us from our sinful bodies – *"They will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory… your redemption is drawing near."* Luke 21:27-28, Eph. 1:14
5. To glorify the believers – *"… in Christ all will be made alive* (glorified). *But each in His own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming…"* 1 Cor. 15:22-23

6. To be with us – *"we… will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord."* 1 Thess. 4:17, 5:10

7. To take us home to heaven – *"If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may also be."* John 14:3, Heb. 12:22-24

8. So believers can see Christ's glory – *"Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory."* John 17:24

9. To judge the world – *"He is coming to judge the earth; He will judge the world with righteousness."* Psalm 98:9, 2 Thess. 1:6-10, Rev. 8-9

10. To defeat the Antichrist – *"That lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming, that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan."* 2 Thess. 2:8-9, Rev. 19:11-20

11. To save a remnant of Jewish people – *"… all Israel will be saved… 'The Deliverer will come from Zion; He will remove ungodliness from Jacob'… 'I take away their sins.'"* Rom. 11:25-27

12. To begin His reign on earth –*"He placed His right foot on the sea and His left on the land… in the days of the voice of the seventh angel."* (Rev. 10:2,7). *"… the seventh angel sounded… The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever."* Rev. 11:15, Zech. 14:9

13. To be worshiped by believers – *"After these things I looked and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes, peoples, and tongues… clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation to our God who sits on the throne and to the Lamb.'"* Rev. 7:9-10, 5:13

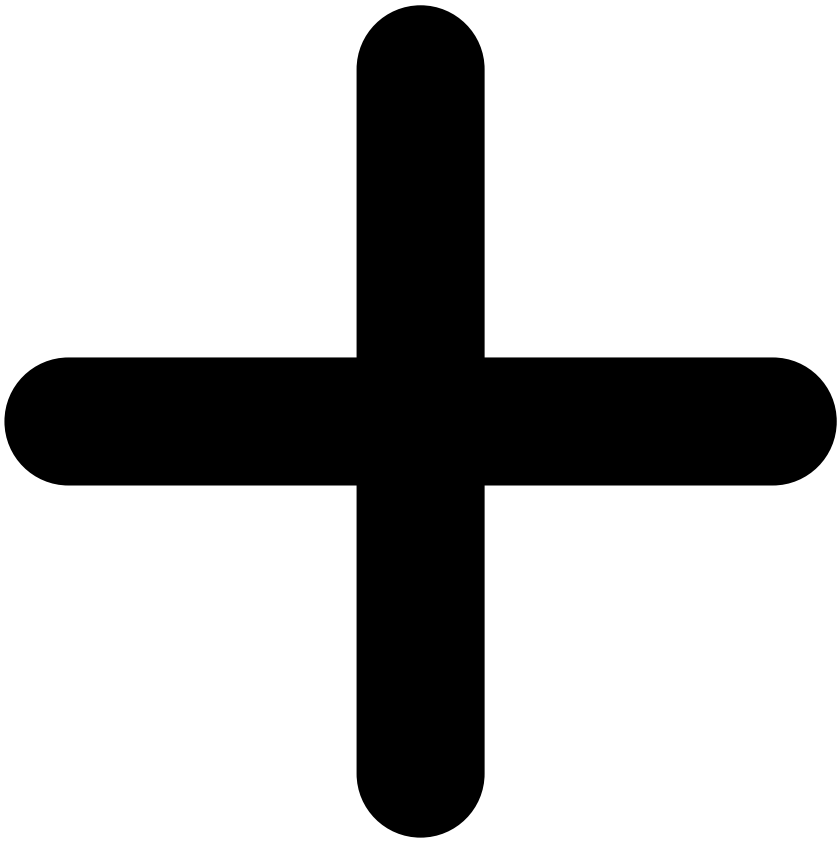
14. To give us our inheritance – *"… who according to His* (God's) *great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance… a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."* 1 Peter 1:4-5, Eph. 1:14

15. To be worshiped by the whole world – *"… that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth and*

under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Phil. 1:10-11

The greatest event taking place in the world in the not-too-distant future is the appearing, the revealing, the coming of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Savior, and King. Might you believe in Him, love Him, tell others about Him, be waiting for Him, be saying to Him, *"Come, Lord Jesus"* (Rev. 22:20), and be praying to the Father, *"Thy Kingdom come."* Matt. 6:9

P.S. When it comes to end-time's prophecy, the soon coming of Jesus Christ is the single most important subject. Many details need to be understood, but this one fact is what you need to remember. Three posts that talk specifically about Christ's coming are: *"When is Christ Coming Back?"*, *"Why is Jesus Christ Coming Back?"*, and *"What Will Happen When Christ Comes Back?"*



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