

What Will Happen When Christ Comes Again?

John 14:1-3

Introduction: As other lessons have covered, there are many theories and speculations about what will happen when Jesus returns. If we let the Bible speak for itself we can learn a lot about what will happen at that time.

I. Will Christ Come Again?

- A. Jesus promised He would (*Jn. 14:1-3*).
- B. Jesus said, "...when He is revealed, we shall be like Him..." (*1 Jn. 3:2*).
- C. Peter declared that some would scoff, but He was coming "*as a thief in the night*" (*2 Peter 3:3-10*).
- D. Paul wrote often of His coming.
 - 1. *Heb. 9:27-28*—"...He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation."
 - 2. *2 Thessalonians 1:7*—He shall be "...revealed from heaven with His mighty angels."
 - 3. *1 Thessalonians 4:16*—"...with a shout, with the voice of an archangel."
- E. Angels said He would come in like manner as He had ascended (*Acts 1:10-11*).

II. How Will He Come Again?

- A. Visible to all.
 - 1. In like manner (*Acts 1:10-11*).
 - 2. "...every eye will see Him" (*Rev. 1:7*).
- B. Without warning (*1 Thess. 5:1-3*).
- C. With His angels (*2 Thess. 1:7; Matt. 25:31*).
- D. Noisily (*1 Thess. 4:16-17; 1 Cor. 15:52*).

III. When Will He Come Again?

- A. Many date-setters have declared they knew for sure the time of His coming.
 - 1. It would tax the greatest archivists and researchers to come up with a comprehensive list of date setters.
 - 2. A few denominations owe their origins to date setters.
 - a. Seventh-Day Adventists.
 - b. Jehovah's Witnesses.
 - 3. Despite all the colossal failures, there are those who still try to set a date.
- B. Only God knows this (*Matt. 24:36*).
- C. We are to be prepared for it (*Matt. 24:42*).

IV. Then Comes The End.

- A. Some would have Christ's return herald beginning of the kingdom. Jesus says it will be the end (*1 Cor. 15:23-24*).
- B. Righteous and wicked dead raised (*Jn. 5:28-29*).
- C. Dead in Christ, then we who are alive (*1 Thess. 4:16-17*).
- D. Speedily. "*In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye...*" (*1 Cor. 15:52*).
- E. Judgment takes place "*in the last day*" (*Jn. 12:48*).
- F. Dividing of the "*sheep and the goats*" (*Matt. 25:32-34, 41, 46*).

Conclusion: Words such as this are given us confidence and assurance. They are to be used to "*...comfort one another*" (*1 Thess. 4:18*). They should also serve as motivation to obey God.