

The Signs of Christ's Second Coming

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Matthew 24:36-51.

B. Jesus has already bore our sins, but we look for him to come again. (Hebrews 9:28)

C. We have not received the fullness of our inheritance, nor are we completely like Jesus. (1 John 3)

II. The time of Jesus' return has not been revealed.

A. Christ gives signs of his coming, but he does not point to a specific time.

B. No one knows when he will come..

III. When it happens, the events of the end will happen rapidly.

IV. Our response to the return of Christ.

A. Alertness. (Matthew 16)

B. Readiness. (1 Thessalonians 5:2, Luke 12)

C. Faithfulness..

1. We are stewards of all that we have been given by God. (Luke 12:45)

2. Obedience is always the mark of true salvation.

3. Do not fool yourself in thinking you have time to get right. His judgment will be harsh.

V. Conclusion. (1 Thessalonians 5)

Application questions:

1. How should we think of the nearness of Jesus' return in light of the time that has passed since the writing of the New Testament?

2. How would you respond to people who say they are waiting to get their lives right with God until before they die?

3. In what ways can you grow in your faithfulness to God? Explain.
