

Promises of Advent

PROMISED RETURN

"This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

ACTS 1:11b ESV

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

JOHN 14:3 ESV



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MARK 13:32-37 ESV

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MARK 13:32-37 ESV

The Second Coming of Jesus is imminent, so we stay ready.

JESUS WILL RETURN WITH THE SAME PHYSICAL BODY WITH WHICH HE ASCENDED.

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."

LUKE 24:36-39 ESV

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-24 ESV

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1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-24 ESV

The Second Coming of Jesus is bodily, so we take comfort.

THE RETURN OF CHRIST WILL BE OPENLY SEEN BY ALL, NOT SECRET OR HIDDEN.

For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

MATTHEW 24:27, 30 ESV

Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

REVELATION 1:7 ESV

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

¹ Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

PHILIPPIANS 3:20-4:1 ESV

The Second Coming of Jesus is visible, so we persevere.

The return of Jesus is GLORIOUS

JESUS WILL COME IN RADIANT POWER AND DIVINE SPLENDOR.



The return of Jesus is GLORIOUS

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.

MATTHEW 25:31 ESV

And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.

MARK 13:26 ESV

The return of Jesus is GLORIOUS

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

TITUS 2:11-14 ESV

The Second Coming of Jesus is glorious, so we rejoice with hope.

The Second Coming of Jesus is imminent, so we stay ready bodily, so we take comfort visible, so we persevere glorious, so we rejoice with hope

- "And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."
- "Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done.
- He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

REVELATION 22:7,12,20 ESV



Communion

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:26 ESV

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The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

REVELATION 22:20-21 ESV

