

Second Coming

Big Question:

What does the Bible teach about the return of Jesus?

MEMORY VERSE

"For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first." 1 Thessalonians 4:16 NIV

INTRO

Question: What is the most amazing thing you have ever seen in the sky?

My Story: Share a personal example and explain how Jesus' return is going to be even more amazing!

BIBLE STORY | JESUS GOING BACK TO HEAVEN

In your own words, tell the story of Jesus going back to heaven (Acts 1:1-11).

Acts 1:9-11 | What did the angels promise about Jesus?

EXPLORING THE BIBLE

Matthew 24:3-14 | What signs did Jesus say would happen before he returns?

Where do we see these signs happening in the world today?

Matthew 24:32-33 | What does it mean when we see all these signs?

Matthew 24:36-39 | Can we know exactly when Jesus will return?

Matthew 24:42-44 | How can we get ready and stay ready for the Second Coming?

Matthew 24:23-27, 30-31 | What will we see and hear when Jesus returns?

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 | Why should we look forward to Jesus' return?

FUN FACTS

What would you do if you knew the exact day Jesus was coming back? In the 1800s, William Miller thought he had worked it out! After studying a prophecy in Daniel, he and many others believed Jesus would return on October 22, 1844. Imagine the excitement! As the day drew near, some even sold their homes and gave the money away, while farmers left their crops unharvested, believing they wouldn't need these things once Jesus returned! But the day came, and Jesus didn't come! This day became known as "The Great Disappointment." While some walked away from God, others went back to their Bibles and realised they had misunderstood the prophecy. As they kept studying, they discovered more Bible truths, including the Sabbath, and the Seventh-day Adventist Church grew from this group. Today, we remember Jesus' warning that "No one knows the day or hour" (Matthew 24:36). But one thing hasn't changed—we still can't wait for Jesus to come back!

LIVING IT

Discuss: Why do you think Jesus hasn't revealed to us the exact time of his return?

Decide: Do you want to be ready for the soon return of Jesus?



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