

Christ's Return

Acts 1:6-11 The Ascension & Return

- Yes, our Lord will return. Difficult questions arise concerning Jesus' return (when, what, why). Some of these passages can be overwhelming (at least to me). Not that I believe every position regarding His return holds the same weight, but I understand why there's some disagreement. These passages reminded me I need more time to study without a "deadline." So, today, I'm sharing my basic understanding of Jesus' return to inform and, more importantly, prepare our hearts. One thing the Bible clearly states is that He would return. Are we ready?

Why Return?

- 2 Thess. 1:5-12 For judgment.
- Establish 1,000 year kingdom?
 - Land promise was fulfilled. Joshua 21:43-45?
 - Kingdom already arrived Matthew 16:28
 - Jesus rejected physical throne John 6:14-15
 - Jesus said it wasn't from this world John 19:36
 - John was in the kingdom Revelation 1:9
 - What was this revelation about? Revelation 1:1,3; 22:6,10
 - How is this different than Daniel 8:26? Vision around 550 B.C. regarding events in 164/165 B.C.
 - If the revelation pertained to events soon to occur, should we reference the letter about events yet to occur 2,000 years later?
 - What about Matthew 24:1-51; Mark 13:1-37; Luke 17:20-37; 21:5-36? Remember, Jesus tied this to Daniel's prophecy of the abomination of desolation (Daniel 9, 11, 12). He was speaking about the temple. Do you think Jews had in mind a physical or spiritual kingdom? When you read Luke's account, it's clearly pointing to the destruction of Jerusalem by Gentiles (Luke 21:20). I'm still not sure if these passages shift to Christ's final return, but the destruction of Jerusalem is what Daniel was shown.

When will He return?

- 1 Thess. 5:1-11 I don't know.
- 2 Thess. 2:1-12 Give me a call when you figure it out.

How will He return and what will occur?

- Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43; 16:27-28; 25:31-46; John 5:25-29; Acts 24:15; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 2 Peter 3:8-18; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; (*Daniel 12:2*)