Contemporary Signs Of The Lord's Return

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Scriptures

• Acts 1:11

¹¹ They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

• I Thess. 4:16-17

¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

• Genesis 19:4-5;24-25

⁴ Before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, both young and old, all the people from every quarter; ⁵ and they called to Lot and said to him, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may have relations with them."

²⁴ Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven, ²⁵ and He overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.

Other Scriptures

- Rev.22:20
- Matt. 25:1-13
- Zechariah 14:4, 6-7
- 2 Peter 3:9
- Rev. 22:7, 12, 20
- Matt. 24:12
- 2 Thess. 2:3,7
- I Tim. 1:15
- John 8:7
- 2 Cor. 5:17
- 2 Tim. 3:1

Main Points

Jesus is coming back for me.

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- Angels, apostles, and Jesus himself, prophesied of His return.
- Today, people may lose sight of his return, because He has delayed His return.
- If we haven't been living lives expectant of His return, we will not be able to enter into the Kingdom.
- Even the angels bear witness to the return of Jesus.
- Jesus is going to return for you on the Mount of Olives!
- In addition to the angels, the apostles lived with the expectation that Jesus would return in their lifetime.
 - o Because He has not yet come, this does not mean that prophecy has failed.
 - o In the parable of the Bridegroom and ten virgins, Jesus warned us not to go to sleep waiting.
 - o His delay is really because some destined to be saved have not yet been saved.
- God wants us to live with the same expectation of His return that the apostles did.
- Jesus himself continually bore witness to his return.
- Contemporary sign #1 of the Lord's near return is the removal of the Ten Commandments from the fabric of society.
 - o Lack of morality brings chaos and lawlessness, which is predicted by Daniel.
 - o This brings about the climate needed for the coming of antichrist.
 - o The restraining power of the Holy Spirit is withdrawn
 - o Jesus' return follows the introduction of antichrist.
- Contemporary sign #2 of the Lord's return is the increase of homosexuality.
 - o This is not a condemnation of people, but a behavior.
 - o Jesus loves us too much to leave us where we are at. He came to save us and give us a new nature.
- Contemporary sign #3 of the Lord's return is the increase of stress in society.
 - o Difficult times...2 Tim. 3:1

Discussion Questions

- 1. Does the truth of Scripture about Jesus stepping back on planet earth excite you or worry you? How can living in harmony with God turn your worry to wonder?
- 2. In the parable of the ten virgins, five were not prepared for their beloved Bridegroom. Have you welcomed Him as your groom and are you keeping yourself watching and waiting for Him?
- **3.** Think about creating a unique visual reminder that Jesus is coming back for you. What would it look like? Why not actually make it and share it with DTJJ.