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My topic tonight: **Revelation's Final Events**



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Space launches have always captured our imagination.

But a few years ago, it was the reentry of the 'Columbia' space shuttle that caught our attention.



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The astronauts were coming home.

It was a journey like many others.
And maybe we took their safe landing for granted.



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Then the unthinkable happened.
We were stunned and shocked.

Seven people had their lives snuffed out in a moment. Their families and friends were devastated and grieved over their loss.



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Tonight, I want to talk about a space journey that will not end in disaster.

A **journey** that **will not only begin well but end well.**



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Our Commander is going to get us home.

He is coming to take us on the most fantastic space journey imaginable.



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Past our nearest neighbor, the moon,
a quarter million miles away,
past the sun – 93 million miles from earth.



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Past the planets, Mercury, Jupiter, and Saturn.



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Higher and still higher past the nebula and up through the
open space in Orion.

He is taking us home. And there is one thing for certain—
this space journey is not going to end in disaster.



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The second coming of Christ will accomplish what no
scientist yet has dreamed possible.

Our Lord will deliver us from the clutches of death.



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God's end-time plan is revealed in His Word.



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That is what gives us confidence to take the stand on the
Scriptures:

**If it's in the Bible, I believe it.
If it disagrees with the Bible,
It's not for me.**



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The mountain peak of the prophecies in the Bible, especially
the book of Revelation, is the second coming of Jesus
Christ.

When you look at the Book of **Revelation**, there is one
central theme and that is **Jesus**.

It is not the dragon.



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It is not the seven headed beast.

The great prophecies of the Book of Revelation do not focus on the beast, but Jesus Christ.

These prophecies describe the return of our Lord and the climax of history. Notice the pattern.

Revelation 14:14

“Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man,



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having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle.”

When the book of Revelation pictures the coming of Christ, it pictures Him coming with a crown on His head.

He comes as King of Kings; as Lord of Lords.

The Bible does not picture Jesus coming silently or secretly.

He came silently once as a baby born in Bethlehem's manger, very few knew He was coming.



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When the Bible describes Him coming in the book of Revelation the picture is not the same.

He comes with a crown of gold on His head.

He comes with a sharp sickle in His hand, to reap the harvest of the earth.



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The Bible always pictures Christ coming in power and glory. When you look at the book of Revelation it always pictures Him coming in majesty.

Revelation 19:11

“Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse.



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And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war."



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Revelation 19:14

"And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses."



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Why does the Bible picture Jesus coming on a white horse?
What does that symbol represent?

A white horse is a symbol of purity, victory and triumph.

When Jesus comes with a crown of gold upon His head riding a white horse.



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He is pictured as a victorious general.

He is pictured as coming to defeat all the forces of evil.

The Book of Revelation is very, very plain.

Jesus returns victoriously, triumphantly and gloriously.

Revelation 11:15

"The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"



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When Jesus comes the great controversy will end.

Sin and sinners will be no more.

Jesus coming is not some mysterious event.

He comes to reign over the entire universe.

He comes to be worshipped and praised by the redeemed forever and ever and ever.

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There are two very important questions that many ask concerning the second coming:



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1. **How will Jesus come back the second time?**
2. **How can I know that I will be ready when He comes?**

The Bible gives very clear answers to both questions. God's end-time plan is revealed in His Word.

The Bible is very plain. Jesus describes one of the deceptions before His return this way.

Luke 17:23

“And they will say to you, ‘Look here!’ or ‘Look there!’ Do not go after them or follow them.”



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In other words, if anybody says, Jesus comes secretly to a select few or He is appearing someplace, anywhere on earth, we can know these claims are false.

Someone may say, He's in He's in Tokyo, or New York. *[Or name a nearby large city]*



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Some will say, “Here He is” or “There He is”. **Do not go** running off after them.

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Luke 17:24

“For as the lightning that flashes out of one part under heaven shines to the other part under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day.”



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Christ won't suddenly appear on a talk-show in New York or as a miracle-worker on the streets of Paris.

He won't walk down some major street in this world.

He won't hold up His hands saying, “I am the Messiah”. His coming is like lightning which flashes and lights up the sky.

**Christ is coming down from above.
He won't rise up from below.**

Christ's coming is with glory.

But someone says,
“Is it really necessary to understand all this?”
“If I just love Jesus, isn't that enough?”



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Satan attempts to deceive people and many are deceived. He is the great deceiver. He counterfeits the truth to lead millions astray.



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But Jesus clearly reveals His plan. Let me share with you some very clear facts about the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Christ's coming will be a literal event.



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Acts 1:11

“This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven,



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will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”



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Jesus ascends. The power of gravity cannot hold Him down. He ascends higher and higher still and higher. As the disciples gaze up at Jesus in wonder. The Bible says,

“This same Jesus who is taken from you into heaven will come in like manner.”

They saw Him go. They will see Him come.

**A real Christ ascended—
and a real Christ will descend.**



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This Jesus who healed the sick.
This Jesus who fed the five thousand.
This Jesus who raised the dead.
This Jesus ascended and He will return.

Christ's coming will be a visible event.



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The Bible says the coming of Jesus will be a visible event. His ascension was visible and when He descends it will be visible.

The Book of Revelation says,

Revelation 1:7

“Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him.”



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How many people will see Jesus when He comes?

Every eye.

Who will see Him? Every eye.

Is Jesus coming secretly to just a chosen few?

What does the Bible say?

“Behold He is coming with clouds and every eye will see Him.”

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Christ's coming is a literal event.
Christ's coming is a visible event. The Bible says.

Christ's coming will be an audible event.



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1 Thessalonians 4:16

“For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God:



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and the dead in Christ shall rise first.”

Here is good news!
He comes literally—A real Christ comes.
He comes visibly and every eye will see Him.
Here is good news!
He comes audibly, every ear will hear it.



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Have you lost a loved one by death—a little baby that you have laid in the grave?



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A son or daughter who has been hit by a car and killed.
That grave is marked by God.
The Bible says,

“The Lord Himself shall descend with a shout.”
And that shout will pierce the tomb of every believer.

It says “with the voice of the archangel with the trumpet of God.”

The trumpet of victory.
The trumpet of triumph.
The trumpet of conquest over death.



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The Bible says,
“**And the dead in Christ will rise first.**” Good news.
One day, Jesus will say,



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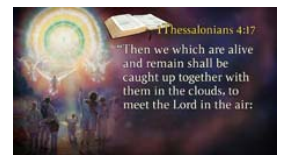
“John, come forth. Mary, come forth.
Chad come forth. Doreen, come forth with a new
resurrected body.”

That loved one will come out of the tomb and be caught up
in glory and immortality to meet Christ in the air.

The Bible says—

1Thessalonians 4:17

*Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up
together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air:*



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With whom?

“With them”

With whom?

The righteous dead who are resurrected.

The righteous dead who have been sleeping in their graves.

We will be caught up – “**with them**” in the clouds to meet
the Lord in the air.

and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Notice the intimacy of these words.

Notice that these words are saturated with love.



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Does Jesus come to live upon the earth at this time?

No. We don't meet Him on earth.

We meet Him where? In the air.

The Bible says in **Matthew 24:26**

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“Therefore if they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out.”

The Bible says, Satan will masquerade as Christ working mighty miracles.

But look, suppose someone says to you, “Jesus is in Cairo, go there.

He is a being of dazzling brightness. Go there.”

The Bible says, “*DO NOT GO*” there because when the real Christ comes He will come streaming down the corridor of the sky.

Christ's coming will be a glorious event.



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Matthew 24:27

“For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.”

God will perform a dazzling light show in the sky. He will stream down from the sky with ten thousand times ten thousand angels.

Only Christ is the life-giver.
Only Christ can resurrect the dead.

The real Christ is coming in the sky.



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The real Christ is coming to resurrect the dead.



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The real Christ will catch us up in the sky to travel with Him past the moon, past the sun, past the stars, to the throne room of the universe. And we will always be with the Lord.



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Matthew 24:30

“The Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn,



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Christ coming is like lightning that flashes from east to west. He appears in the sky to all tribes of the earth.

And Revelation 1:7 tells us that, “every eye will see Him.”

You see, **it is not only believers who will see Him when He comes. When Christ comes the second time every eye sees Him.** Every ear hears Him.



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There are only two classes when He comes. The saved and the unsaved. The redeemed and the lost.

There is no second chance when Christ comes again.

and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”



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“They will see.”

The Bible says, “THEY WILL SEE,” (that is all the nations of the earth), “the Son of Man coming in glory. ”

Jesus comes—

literally, visibly, audibly, **and Jesus comes gloriously!**



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Christ's coming will be a climactic event

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The coming of Christ is the decisive event in human history.

1 Corinthians 15:51-53

"Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep,



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but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.



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For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.



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This is a climactic event.
This is a dramatic event.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."



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Can you imagine, when Christ comes streaming down the corridor of the sky.



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The earth is illuminated with the glory of God.

The ground rumbles, the buildings shake,
the lightning flashes, the thunder crashes.

Ten thousand times ten thousand angels speed with haste to
graves as righteous believers come forth.

Their bodies do not have the curse of sin.

There are no more deaf ears,
no more blind eyes,
no more arthritic limbs.
no more diseased bodies.

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no more victims of cancer or heart disease.

As believers we are looking up, Christ is coming.
This is the most magnificent event in the heavens.



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Instantly, our mortal bodies which are subject to disease and death, receive immortality.

What a day! Christ's comes. What a day!

Instantly we are transformed.
Instantly we are changed.

New life pulsates through our bodies. We radiate with health and joy and gladness and happiness.

As Christ descends in glory we sing His praises as our bodies are changed from corruptible to the incorruptible.

Revelation 15:3

“Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!”



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We see the dead resurrected.
We see our brother, sister, our son or daughter, our husband or wife come out of the tomb with new glorious immortal bodies.

Angels present them to us again. We embrace with tears flowing down our cheeks. We ascend together.

Picture this scene—loved ones embracing.
Families are reunited.



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This is the greatest drama of the ages.

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We see loved ones coming out of the grave and we are singing, "Great and marvelous are your works, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways".

We see Him coming as King of King and Lord of Lords. We cry out.

Isaiah 25:9

"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us.



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We have waited for Him.

We have not accepted the false christ.

We have not accepted the counterfeit messiah who pretended he was Christ. This is our Jesus who comes.

This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."



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2 Corinthians 6:2

"Behold, now is the accepted time, behold now is the day of salvation."



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Our eternal destiny is being settled by the choices we make today.



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I believe, we are living on the knife edge of eternity. We are living in the days just before the second coming of Jesus Christ.

I believe that soon Jesus is going to stream down through the corridor of the sky.

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Let's summarize the events that take place at His return.
What Happens When Jesus Comes?



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1. Seismic upheavals

First there will be stupendous seismic upheavals; mountains and islands will be moved out of their places and a great earthquake will shake this planet.



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2. Righteous dead raised

Paul tells us in Thessalonians, "The dead in Christ shall rise first." All who sleep in their graves will hear Christ's trumpet-like voice and rise up to eternal life.



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3. Righteous living changed



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4. Immortality bestowed



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5. Wicked living destroyed

In Revelation 6:14, 15, the wicked call for the rocks and mountains to fall on them.

When Jesus comes, there will be no second chance—no second opportunity.

When Jesus comes the wicked living are destroyed.



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6. Righteous welcome Christ

The Bible says, when Christ comes we are caught up to meet Him in the air.



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7. Righteous go to heaven

But some people say, "Didn't you miss that text in the Bible that says, 'He is coming as a thief'?"

And aren't there two comings of Christ?
One when He comes as a thief and the other one when He comes in glory?



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What about the secret rapture?



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Matthew 24:36

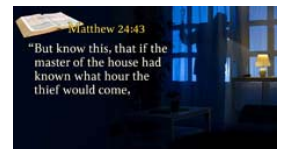
"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only."



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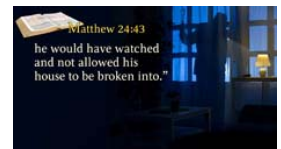
Matthew 24:43

"But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come,



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he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into."



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Is this text speaking about the manner of His coming or the time of His coming?

When the Bible talks about a thief it is talking about the **TIME** He comes **Not** the **MANNER** He comes.



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Isn't that plain.

Now look, does a thief cup his hands around his mouth and call out a warning like this, "Here I come, get ready; I am going to rob your house."

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He comes when we least expect it – quickly – rapidly.

When Jesus comes as a thief – the world will not expect it either.

He comes quickly – unexpectedly– then every eye will see Him.



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The Bible doesn't teach that He comes secretly as a thief. Not at all.

Notice **verse 44**—

“Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”



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2 Peter 3:10

“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise,

and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.”



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When? When He comes as a thief.

The Second Coming is a surprise to the unprepared!

The prepared know He is going to come.
The unprepared are surprised.



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But what happens to them?

What about the expression “One taken and the other left?”



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Luke 17:36

“Two men will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left.”



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Does the text say that the one who is left is left alive?
That's what man puts in that is not what the text says. Jesus goes on and says this.

Luke 17:26

“As it was in the days of Noah . . .”



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What was it like in the days of Noah?
Were there two classes in the days of Noah? Yes.

Was one class taken in the days of Noah.
Was one class left in the days of Noah. Yes

What happened to the class that was left in the days of Noah. They were destroyed by the flood.

Jesus continues—

Luke 17:28

“Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot . . .”



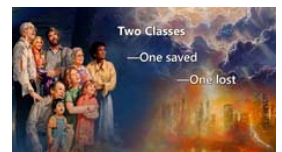
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What happened in the days of Lot?
Was one class taken out of the city? Yes!

“As it was in the days of Noah;”

Two classes

• **One saved,**



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One alive that is ascending to meet Christ.

• **One lost.**

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One dead, destroyed at Christ's second coming.
"As . . . the days of Lot." One class out of the city, saved.
One class left and destroyed.

Revelation is plain about this division of the world at the
Second Coming of Christ:

Revelation 6:15-17

"And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man,

hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks,

'Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!

For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

How tragic. He comes to save them but they run and hide themselves. Their hearts are gripped with fear.

They have not crowned Him as the King of glory in their hearts today so they don't want to crown Him as the king of glory in the universe.

They run, they are frightened.
They cry for the rocks and mountains to fall on them. So when the Bible describes the second coming of Christ, one of the greatest deceptions is that some will be left on earth



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and have a second chance during the tribulation.
The devil has sold that lie to deceive people to put off their salvation.

They think "I can put off my salvation and during the tribulation I can get serious."

Ladies and gentlemen, according to the book of Revelation and according to the teaching of Jesus—

There is NO second opportunity. The time to get serious about your salvation is now.



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Christ's coming will be a joyous event.

Don't put it off to some future date.
Don't delay it to some more convenient time.
Don't miss the most joyous event of the ages.

When Christ comes it will certainly be a joyous event.
It will be the happiest event in the history of the ages.
Jesus in John 14: 2 says—



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John 14:2, 3

"I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you,



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I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."

Jesus comes.
Bursting down the corridor of the sky.



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Here is a family that laid their baby in the grave.



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But now there is a rumbling. Lightning flashes.

They look up and they see Jesus coming.

Lightning flashes from the east to the west.
An angel comes and the dead are resurrected.



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And Mama holds that baby in her arms once again.



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Is there anything that would keep you from being ready for the coming of Christ?

Just think about it.

A husband witnesses to his wife, or someone to a friend, but they say no. This is just a fairy tale.

“Christ will never come.”

But one day Christ will come. He will stream down through the corridor of the sky and take us home with Him. There are only the saved and the lost on that day; —the righteous and the unrighteous on that day.

There are only those who look up and say, “This is our God”—And those who cry for the rocks and mountains to fall on them.



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There is only one thing that can satisfy today and forever, and that is Jesus Christ.

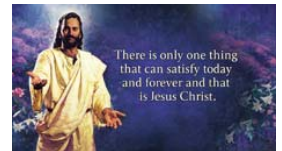
This is not a fairy tale.

This is not make believe.

This is reality.

One day Jesus Christ will come and He wants to save you.

Would you like to say tonight, “Jesus save me. Jesus I



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believe you are coming in the clouds of heaven and I want to be ready.”

Would you stand with me if that is your desire? By standing we are saying, “Yes Jesus, save me! I want to be ready when you come.” Let us pray.
