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Jesus is coming – Pt 1 Jesus taught that He will return

This is new topic – Jesus is coming. In this study we establish – (1) Jesus taught His disciples through parables to watch as He will come, (2) Jesus spoke plainly that He would come with angels and sit on the throne of David, (3) Jesus' disciples asked Him for a sign of His coming.

1. Jesus taught His disciples to watch – as He will return

i) In a parable – watch for your lord doth come

“Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come” (Matt.24: 42).

2. Jesus taught that He would come in **His glory** with the angels and sit upon the throne of His glory

“When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory” (Mt 25:31). See also – Matt.19:28

3. Jesus' disciples believed He would return and asked Him for a sign of His coming

“And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?” (Matt.24: 3). See also Mk 13:4, Lk 21:7.

Illustration to help apply the teaching to our life.

During our time at Bible College Karen and I went to an Anglican Church – the church of the Good Shepherd. They had a woman Vicar, who proclaimed that the church was bringing in the kingdom – the reign of Christ on earth.

The Lutheran church – Missouri Synod and Unitarians believe there will not be a millennium. Seventh- Day adventists believe “the Millennium is the thousand year reign of Christ with his saints in heaven. If you believe these you will be deceived.

Questions to think about.

1. Will Christ reign on earth?
2. Will Christian's go through the tribulation that precedes the reign of Christ?

Our answer to the questions from the scriptures.

1. Christ **will** reign for one thousand years – Rev 20:4 “And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. See also Rev.20: 6.

2. Does this mean that those in the body of Christ today will go through the tribulation?

For those whose authority is “the Gospels”– when you follow the chronological order of events (with the “then”(s) in Matt.24 you would say “yes”, because Christ speaks of His coming again, many deceivers (as there are now), earthquakes and wars (as there are now), and a period of tribulation – then Christ returns.

However, while religious cults like the Jehovah Witnesses (JW) would say yes – they are preparing their adherents to go through the tribulation, there is sound scriptural evidence to the contrary. For now let us take time over this coming week to consider this question and in our next study we all provide an answer from the scriptures.