

Eagerly Awaiting Jesus' Return



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Jesus is coming soon! "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words" (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18).

In Greek, the word "shout" means to incite by word, to awaken, spur to action. All overcomers will hear the voice of the archangel: "He is at the door! He whom you love has come to take you away!" This is no discreet coming, done quietly in a corner. No! Jesus is coming with trumpet blasting, with hosts of angels, with a shout, with a cosmic cry of the archangel. The dead in Christ will rise first to meet him in the air and what a thunderous rejoicing that will be. Then he will send his angels into all the world and gather his children to himself.

Throughout history, different ones have foolishly predicted the time of Christ's return. Multitudes have sold all they owned and gone to specific sites to await his return — only to be disappointed. "Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is" (Mark 13:33). Beware of getting caught up in *when* and *how* Jesus is coming when you should be concentrating on *who* is coming. God has purposely withheld the time of Christ's return to keep his people in a state of watchfulness.

"This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11). It was a glorified Man who left and it is a glorified Man who is returning! Do you desire to be with the Lord? Did you know that it is his desire to be with you? Live every day in joyful anticipation of his coming at any hour. And remember that until he comes, there is much work to be done!

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