

The King Comes Again

Matthew 24:23-31

The first time [Christ] came to slay sin in men. The second time He will come to slay men in sin.

-A. W. Pink

I. Counterfeit Christs

II. Signs in the Sky

III. The Coming King

Into the Bible:

1. Overall, how many people were direct witnesses to Christ's arrival on earth for His first coming? (Luke 2:6-16) In His only appearance as king during that first appearance how did he arrive into His city of Jerusalem? (Matthew 21:1-10) How do these contrast with Christ's arrival at His second coming to earth in this passage in Matthew 24 and Revelation 1:7?

2. Regardless of the timing of what has come to be known as "The Rapture", the return of Christ brings all of God's children together for a family reunion on a large scale. Death cannot stop it and suffering cannot prevent it. How do the following passages give us reason to take heart during the judgments described accompanying His return? (I Corinthians 15: 51-54, I Thessalonians 4:13-18)

Application:

3. Satan is sometimes called the “Great Deceiver”. Even the Pharisees recognized his power to produce supernatural effects in Matthew 12:22-2. Why should we not be quick to assume that “signs and wonders” always proceed from God as manifestations of His approval and authority? (II Corinthians 2:11, 11:14 and I John 4:1)

For Families:

4. Talk with your children about how Christians can face really hard things in life.