

Olivet Discourse

(17) Second Coming for Today

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Titus 2:11-14 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, 12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, NASU

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What is the absolutely clear promise Jesus made to His disciples? Jn.14:3

When Jesus says "...I will come back" what is additionally implied? 14:2; Acts 1:9-11

Contrast this with the picture of His Coming in judgment. Rev.19:7, 11-14

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To the disciples, what was uppermost in their minds? Acts 1:6; Lu.19:11

Did Jesus teach His return? Mt.25:14-29, 31-46; Mk.12:1-11; 13:24-37; Lu.19:11-27; 21:25-36

The ABCs of His return...

A **Alert:** What's the warning? Mt.24:42; 25:13; Mk.13:33-37; Lu.12:37; 21:36; IThess.5:1-11

B **Busy:** What are we to be doing while we wait? ICo.3:5-15; Col.3:22-25; Rev.22:12

C **Confident:** What is the result of obedience to Him? IJn.2:28; II Peter 3

Why has the Lord revealed this Rapture/2nd Coming truth to us? IJn.3:1-3; Titus 2:11-14
This truth (hope) purifies us! The urgency spurs us to be Alert, Busy, and Confident!

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I will come back and take you to be with Me! Where? From earth to My Father's house.

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He obviously indicated He was going to leave (this earth), then return at some later time.

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Here the Bride (the Church) is already in Heaven with Him, ready to return to the earth.

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They were completely focused on their Messiah coming as King, reestablishing Israel.

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Yes, over and over. He goes on a journey; puts servants to work; returns to reward them.

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A Alert: What's the warning? Mt.24:42; 25:13; Mk.13:33-37; Lu.12:37; 21:36; IThess.5:1-11
Let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober. He will come quickly!

B Busy: What are we to be doing while we wait? ICo.3:5-15; Col.3:22-25; Rev.22:12
We are to be busy about the work of the Lord. Do everything as unto Him.

C Confident: What is the result of obedience to Him? IJn.2:28; II Peter 3
Having firm confidence that He will return! The Day of the Lord will come...

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