

The Fourfold Gospel

Christ our Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, & Coming King

Our Coming King

INTRO: The fact that our King, the Lord Jesus Christ, is returning to this earth to reign and rule for a thousand years is our motivation for missions: Let us win the world for Christ and bring back the King (Matthew 24:14). And by missions we do not mean just cross cultural ministry in other parts of the world, but the Good News of Jesus Christ next door, the next block, at work and recreation, to all people at all times.

I. The King is Coming—Acts 1:10-11

- A. The resurrected Jesus in bodily form was lifted up while they [the disciples] were looking on and a cloud received Him out of their sight. (Acts 1:9)
- B. As they were gazing intently into the sky where He had gone, two men in white clothing stood beside them. (Acts 1:10)
- C. This same Jesus Whom you have seen taken up into heaven will come [again] in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven. (Acts 1:11)
- D. In other words, the bodily resurrected Jesus will return in body to this earth and we will see Him descend out of the sky through the clouds. Consider I John 3:2—we will be like Him in His return.
 - 1. Jesus will not return as God the Son, but as the Son of man
 - 2. We will not become like God, but like the resurrected Jesus, the first man (1 Co 15:45)

II. When will these things happen? What will be the sign of Your coming? (Matthew 24:3)

- A. Many false Christs will arise
- B. There will be wars and rumors of wars, nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom
- C. There will be famines and earthquakes
- D. Because lawlessness is increased most people's love will grow cold

III. The Nature of Humankind in the End Times

- A. Believers will be hated and delivered to tribulation of persecution
- B. Many religious Christians will fall away and betray others
- C. In the last days difficult times will come (2 Timothy 3:1-9)
For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these. (2Ti 3:2-5 NAU)

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