

Risen To Return

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Daniel 2:44-45; Matthew 24:29-30; Revelation 19:6-19

Most Of The World Is Aware Of The 1st Arrival Of Jesus

I. The 1st arrival

- A. The Messiah born in Bethlehem's manger
- B. The angelic announcement
- C. The Magi from the East
- D. A universal language
 - 1. Greek
- E. One nation ruling the known world
 - 1. Pax Romana
- F. Roman roads
- G. Death by crucifixion enforced

II. The confusion & struggle many have in understanding the 2nd arrival of Jesus

- A. Risen to return
 - 1. Rose bodily
 - 2. Ascended bodily
 - 3. Returning bodily
- B. The Bible mentions the 2nd arrival of Jesus 1,845 times
- C. Jesus mentioned His return 21 times

- D. Daniel declared (Daniel 2:44) "The God of Heaven shall set up a kingdom never to be destroyed"
 - 1. The backstory of the King's dream
 - 2. The fulfillment literally happened

III. A brief review of the 10 general signs given in Scripture that point to the return of Jesus (in the past 80 years)

- A. Return of Israel - May 1988
 - 1. Isaiah 11:11-12
 - a. Twice the people of Israel removed
 - b. Twice they returned
 - c. No other nation has done this
- B. Born in a day - Isaiah 66:8
- C. Jerusalem back in the hands of Hebrew people - Luke 21:20-24
- D. Russian Jews returned in 1989
 - Jeremiah 16:14-15
 - Jeremiah 23:7-8
 - Jeremiah 31:8
- E. Knowledge increase - Daniel 12
- F. Apostasy/societal breakdown - 2 Timothy 3
- G. Nations aligning against Israel - Zechariah 12:1-3, Luke 21:20
- H. Crazy weather changes - Matthew 24:17, Luke 21:25-26
- I. Plagues, famines - Luke 21:11
- J. Self destruction will be possible - Matthew 24:22

IV. Recap of coming events

- A. Rapture of church - 1 Thessalonians 4:18-19
- B. Evaluation of believers - 2 Corinthians 5
- C. Tribulation on Earth - Matthew 24, Revelation 6-18
- D. Return of Jesus - Zechariah 14:4, Matthew 24:30

V. The certainty of His return

- A. Jesus declared it 21 times
- B. After the subject of faith, this is the 2nd most significant subject in Scripture
- C. Fulfillment of Scripture
 - 1. Birth
 - 2. Life/ministry
 - 3. Death
 - 4. Resurrection
 - 5. Ascension
 - 6. Return
 - 7. Reign

VI. The purpose

- A. To defeat evil
- B. To judge the world
- C. To rescue Israel
- D. To establish His Kingdom
- E. To reveal & reign with His Church
- F. To declare to the world He is victorious
- G. To make all things new

VII. The hope it brings

- A. Peace replaces war
- B. He makes all things new
- C. We will reign with Him
- D. The tired find rest
- E. The faithful enjoy reward

**This World Is Moving To That Event
The Signs Are All Around Us
Look Up, Your Redemption Draws Near - Luke 21:28**