

The Return of the King Exchange 26 September 2015

- 1. Should it make a difference in how we live if we knew Jesus was coming back in a year or another 1,000 years?
- 2. Why should we be mindful of the signs of the times?
- 3. Why do you think God keeps the time of his return a secret?
- 4. Do you think Christ's return is imminent given the stage of current events? Why or Why not?
- 5. Do you think the Second Coming of Jesus is a topic that is difficult to share with others? How can it be shared in a way that motivates interest in Jesus rather than fear or ridicule?
- 6. In Matthew 24-25, there are 4 parables about the Second Coming of Jesus: the homeowner and the thief in the night (24:42-44), the good and wicked servant (24:45-51), the ten virgins (25:1-13), and the talents (25:14-30). Which parable resonates with you the most?
- 7. In the judgment scene of Matthew 25:31-46, Jesus' criteria for separating the sheep and goats is based on their compassion for and treatment of "the least of these." Why is this so important? Who are the "least of these" today?
- 8. The Bible says that we are not saved by works, but by faith. Yet many of the passages exhorting one to prepare for the Second Coming involves doing something (being watchful, using our talents, being kind to others, etc.). Can you do all the right things and still not be ready for the Second Coming? Can you have faith and not do the right things?

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