



NEXT TIME WILL BE DIFFERENT!

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Jesus: "I am going to heaven to prepare a place for you. And after I prepare a place for you, I WILL COME BACK to get you, so that where I am, you will also be with me!" John 14:2-3

DIFFERENCES

1. FIRST TIME: JESUS' ARRIVAL HAPPENED SLOWLY

NEXT TIME: JESUS' ARRIVAL WILL HAPPEN INSTANTLY!

"It will all happen in a flash, as fast as the twinkling of an eye." (1 Corinthians 15:52)

2. FIRST TIME: JESUS' ARRIVAL WAS VERY QUIET

NEXT TIME: THE ENTIRE WORLD WILL HEAR IT!

"For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a LOUD COMMAND, and with the SHOUT of the archangel, and with the GREAT SOUND of the trumpet of God!" (1 Thessalonians 4:16)

3. FIRST TIME: A SINGLE STAR WAS SEEN IN THE SKY

NEXT TIME: JESUS WILL LIGHT UP THE ENTIRE SKY

JESUS: "For just as lightning flashes light up the ENTIRE SKY and EVERYONE can see it, so will be the return of the Son of God!" (Matthew 24:27)

4. FIRST TIME: ONLY A FEW PEOPLE HONORED HIM

NEXT TIME: EVERYONE WILL HONOR HIM!

"As surely as I am the living God, EVERYONE will kneel before me, and EVERYONE will confess that I am God!" (Romans 14:11)

5. FIRST TIME: JESUS CAME TO SAVE THE WORLD

NEXT TIME: HE'S COMING TO JUDGE THE WORLD!

"God has set a day when the entire human race will be judged WITH JUSTICE and everything set right. And God has already appointed the Judge, confirming him before everyone by raising him from the dead." (Acts 17:31 MSG)

6. FIRST TIME: JESUS CAME TO DIE FOR OUR SINS

NEXT TIME: HE'S COMING TO GATHER HIS FAMILY!

"He will send his angels all around the earth, and they will gather his chosen people from every part of the world." (Matthew 24:31 NCV)

7. FIRST TIME: HE CAME IN HUMILITY

NEXT TIME: HE'S COMING AS KING AND LORD OF ALL!

"Because he humbled himself, God has exalted Jesus to the highest place and given him the name that is above every other name so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God!" (Philippians 2:9-11 NLT)

HOW DO I GET READY?

• **LIVE FOR JESUS, LOOKING FORWARD**

"GOD'S GRACE shows us how to say 'No!' to the godless, self-centered, and self-destructive ways the world lives. Instead, God's grace empowers us to live a wise, self-controlled, and God-honoring life while we look forward with great hope for the coming of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ when his great glory will be revealed to all!" (Titus 2:12-13)

"The Lord isn't being slow in keeping his promise to return. Instead he is being patient FOR YOUR SAKE. He does not want anyone to perish, so he is giving more time for everyone to repent." (2 Peter 3:9)