



**ALL-IN: 60 Days in the New Testament**  
**Part 2 – The Challenge of Jesus’ Return**  
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Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives. His disciples came to him privately and said, “Tell us, when will all this happen? What sign will signal your return and the end of the world?” – Matthew 24:3

“Now learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branches bud and its leaves begin to sprout, you know that summer is near. <sup>33</sup> In the same way, when you see all these things, you can know his return is very near, right at the door. – Matthew 24:32-33

**Jesus’ Return...**

- **COMFORTS** us.

And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.  
– 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

- **PREPARES** us.

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, <sup>2</sup> for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup> But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4

- **FOCUSES** us. (*there is a judgment to be prepared for*)

You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. <sup>6</sup> So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober.  
– 1 Thessalonians 5:5-6

**MAKE THE MOST OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY**

So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise. <sup>16</sup> Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.  
– Ephesians 5:15-16

**1) THINK the way Jesus THOUGHT.**

The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore, be earnest and disciplined in your prayers. – 1 Peter 4:7

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. – 2 Peter 3:9

**2) LOVE the way Jesus LOVED.**

Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. – 1 Peter 4:8

**3) SERVE the way Jesus SERVED.**

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. – 1 Peter 4:10

**The Challenge of Jesus’ Return:**

**LIVE WITH AN ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE**