

The Signs

of the Coming of the King

Matthew 24:29-31

Introduction: Billy Graham used to say, “Nothing stirs the soul like the _____ Coming of Jesus Christ.”

What will be the signs of Christ’s Second Coming? I want us to look at three signs. Here they are:

I. The _____ Signs – 24:29

²⁹ “Immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Underline the word, _____. The Greek word means directly, at once, soon, forthwith, straightway.

The word tribulation means _____ or trouble.

There will be what some call “_____ Phenomena” or “Cosmic Disturbances.”

A. The _____ will be darkened

The “sun being dark” happened in _____ during the time of Moses. We read in Exodus 10:21-22, ²¹ *Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt,*

darkness which may even be felt.”²² So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days.

The “sun being dark” also happened the day that Jesus was _____. We read in Mark 15:33,³³ *Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.* (Three hours – Noon to 3:00 P.M.)

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B. The _____ will not give its Light

I am sure that you are aware that the moon is a _____ surface and that it has no light of its own. If the sun does not shine, the moon automatically has its source of light shut off.

C. The _____ will fall from heaven

What are these _____ that will fall from heaven? Well, I have read that there are several possibilities:

D. The Powers of the _____ will be shaken

Are you aware that the prophets in the Old Testament spoke about the cosmic disturbances that will come upon the earth before the second coming of Jesus Christ?

Read: Isaiah 13:9-16 -

Jesus Christ spoke of another sign that will take place at His coming. There will be...

II. The _____ Sign – 24:30

³⁰ Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Do you recall how Jesus was _____ up into heaven? We read about that in Acts 1:9-11, ⁹ *Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.* ¹⁰ *And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel,* ¹¹ *who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”*

In Matthew 24:30, we read, *Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven.*

What is this sign of “*the Son of Man*”? Well, throughout the history of Christianity, various Bible teachers have taught the following:

Next, we read in verse 30, *and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn,*

When Jesus Christ appears in heaven, the tribes of the earth will _____. Why? Well, it is believed that either they mourn because they finally recognize their sin and the reality of what they have done, or that they mourn because they recognize that judgment is coming, that judgment is real.

Finally, we read in verse 30, *And they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*

Revelation 1:7 – *Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.*

Don’t miss the words, “*every _____ will see Him.*”

Write this down: _____ eyes will see Him. He will come in conquering power and great glory – His majesty will be obvious, and His splendor will be divine. No one will be able to miss His return.

III. The _____ Signs – 24:31

³¹ *And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.*

Angels have always played a key _____ in God's plan through the ages:

Why the _____?

Who are the elect? Warren Wiersbe writes, "*His elect*" in Matthew 24:31 refers to people on earth, _____ and Gentiles, who have trusted Christ and been saved... Israel has been a scattered people for many centuries. The angels will gather Israel with trumpets just as the priests did in Old Testament times (Lev. 23:23–25).

This is what I believe, but there are other views depending on your theological camp. For instance:

Here is what I know from this verse: God will use "His _____" to gather "His _____" because "His _____" will be accomplished in "His _____."

Conclusion: Now is the time for you to be _____. Don't put it off – decide to receive Jesus Christ into your heart and life today. Do it right now. How? Take these three steps:

As we wait for the Coming of Jesus Christ, how should we live? Here are five ways:

- Let us _____ biblically.
- Let us _____ rightly.
- Let us _____ clearly.
- Let us _____ purposefully.
- And let us _____ frequently.