

# JESUS IS COMING...

## AND WE DON'T SEEM TO CARE

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### I. INTRODUCTION

A. *Am I as excited about Jesus coming a second time as I am excited to celebrate that He came the first time?*

B. *Jesus is coming!*

C. *Jesus is coming... and we don't seem to care.*

### II. FOUR REASONS WE'VE STOPPED CARING THAT JESUS IS COMING BACK

#### 1. *We Have Been Waiting So Long*

**Revelation 3:11** I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.

A. *We have lost patience with too many false prophets.*

**Acts 1:6-8** Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

**Matthew 24:32-33** "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door.

**Matthew 24:36** "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

B. *We have lost patience because we have too little confidence in what Jesus said.*

**2 Peter 3:8-10** But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 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. But the

day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

C. *Revelation Reminder: We wait for Christ's return, knowing that God has a different perspective on time than we do.*

## **2. We Do Not Like to Talk About Judgment**

**Revelation 22:7** "Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll."

**Revelation 19:11** I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war.

**2 Timothy 4:8** Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

**Revelation 22:13** I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

**Matthew 25:21** "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

A. *Jesus will reward the righteous.*

**Matthew 25:30** And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

B. *Jesus will judge the unrighteous.*

C. *We may have no passion for the lost because we have stopped really believing that Jesus is coming back.*

D. *Revelation Reminder: There is coming a day of judgment or reward for us all.*

## **3. We Are Consumed By Today**

**Revelation 22:12** "Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.

A. *We are consumed by today's comforts.*

B. *We are consumed by today's challenges.*

C. *Will this matter in eternity?*

D. *Revelation Reminder: Today is temporary. Eternity is forever.*

## 4. *We Have Lost Our Longing For Jesus*

**Revelation 22:20** He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**Revelation 22:1-5** Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

- *Revelation Reminder: We are made with a longing that only a coming King will satisfy.*

## III. COMMUNION

**1 Corinthians 11:26** For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**1 Corinthians 11:27-29** So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.

**1 Corinthians 11:23-24** For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

**1 Corinthians 11:25-26** In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.