

“This Same Jesus...”

Mark 13; Acts 1:6-11

The promises of Jesus for the future should affect our lives today

What will the return of Jesus be like?

- It will be personal
- It will be visible
- It will be powerful

What will He do when He comes?

- He will bring rewards
- He will fulfill His promises
- He will execute judgment

So when is He coming?

- We should anticipate the event
- But we can't know the day

Jesus wants us to be spiritually ready,
not just intellectually informed

Be excited. Be patient. Be busy

Using God's stuff wisely -- Preaching the Word

For Life Group Discussion

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1. Do you enjoy discussions on the return of Christ? Or do you tend to avoid it because of the wide range of opinions on the subject? Do you think churches talk about it enough, or too much?
2. The Bible describes the return of Christ as personal (Acts 1:6-11; Jn 14:1-3), visible (Mt 24:26-27, Rev 1:7), and powerful (Mk 13:26; 1 Thess 4:16, Jude 14). Did you know that almost all Christians agree on these points? Does that change your understanding of the various “controversies”?
3. Read 1 Cor 3:13-15. and 5:10. Are you surprised to learn that Christians will be evaluated and rewarded based on their works? Does Lk 19:11-27 shed any light on this issue?
4. The three points of application were to Be Excited (Phil 3:20; Rom 8:23), Be Patient (Jam 5:7-8), and Be Busy (1 Cor 1:7; 2 Tim 4:1-2). Which is the biggest challenge for you? Why?
5. Read the paragraph about Christ's return on our Statement of Faith (on the “About” page at pbfchurch.com) What similarities do you see between this statement and Sunday's message? Any differences? Anything confusing or unfamiliar?
6. Based on everything you heard in Sunday's message, what practical difference will the immanent return of Christ make in your life today? Be specific.