

Similarities Between Jn. 14:1-3 and I Thess. 4:13-17

John 14:1-3	I Thessalonians 4:13-17
Do not let your heart be troubled, v. 1	So that you will not grieve, vs. 13
Believe in God, believe also in Me, vs. 1	If we believe Jesus died and rose again, vs. 14
If it were not so I would have told you, v. 2	For this we say to you, v.15
I will come again, v. 3	The coming of the Lord, v.15
Will receive you to Myself, v. 3	Will bring with Him, vs. 14 Will be caught up to the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, v. 17
Where I am, there you may be also, v. 3	We shall always be with the Lord, v.17

Jesus' Coming for the Church Versus Jesus Coming to Earth

Jesus' Coming for the Church at the Rapture Jn. 14:1-3; I Cor. 15:51-52; I Thess. 4:13-18	Jesus' 2nd Coming to Earth to Judge and Rule Zech. 14:4-5; Mt. 24:30-31; 25:31-32; Rev. 19:11-21
Jesus comes <i>FOR</i> the Church and returns to heaven.	Jesus comes <i>WITH</i> the Church to earth.
Jesus gathers believers to Himself.	Jesus sends angels to gather believers to Himself.
Resurrection is emphasized.	Resurrection is not mentioned.
Is a "mystery" taught in New Testament for the first time.	The resurrection, Christ's coming to earth, and messianic kingdom are taught in the Old Testament.
All saints, both alive and dead, are resurrected and glorified.	Only saints who come to the Lord and die in the tribulation are resurrected and glorified.
Saints are removed from earth to meet the Lord in the clouds/air while unbelievers remain on earth.	Unbelievers gathered to be removed from believers and cast into hell, but believers remain on earth.

The Rapture Versus Jesus Coming to Earth

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The rapture can happen at any time with no signs to be observed.	Jesus' 2nd coming to earth follows many signs to be observed in the tribulation.
The rapture is a time of salvation and blessing for saints only.	Jesus' 2nd coming to earth is a time of salvation for saints and judgment for unbelievers.
Rapture happens <i>before</i> God's wrath is poured out on the earth.	Jesus' 2nd coming to earth happens <i>after</i> God's wrath is poured out on the earth.
After the rapture, unbelievers remain alive on earth during the tribulation.	After the second coming all unbelievers are executed.
Rapture happens <i>before</i> the tribulation.	Jesus' 2nd coming to earth happens at the <i>end</i> of the tribulation.
Rapture doesn't mention the establishment of Jesus' kingdom.	Jesus' 2nd coming to earth is for the purpose of establishing His kingdom.