

People of Hope Series Part 4 "Our Hope in Jesus' Return" Ryan White/Family Pastor November 10, 2019

Key Passage: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

"Why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11)

Why did Jesus leave in the first place?

Why is Jesus' coming back? What other events accompany his arrival?

When is he coming back? What's taking so long?

How are we to understand his return? Is it physical and historical or spiritual and metaphorical?

Is Jesus coming back to the earth or just hanging out in the clouds?

Where do we go wrong when we think about the return of Jesus?

So what? How do I live in light of this hope?

- Find comfort in your grief because death does not extinguish our hope.
- → Don't get <u>suckered</u> or caught up in the lies, lifestyles, or promises of the kingdoms of this world.
- Fortify yourselves to <u>endure</u> and live countercultural (holy) lives as we wait for God's kingdom to come and his will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

"Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!" (Revelation 22:20)

