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2012 AND THE END TIMES  
“Part Four”

We ought to be living as though: Jesus **died** yesterday, he **rose** this morning, and he’s **coming back** this afternoon.

**I. Four thoughts about His coming**

A. His coming is not to be a subject of **speculation**.

*“But of that day and that hour no man, no man, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the son, but the father.” Mark 13:32 (KJV)*

*“It is not for you to know the times and dates the Father has set by His own authority.” Acts 1:7*

B. His coming is not to be a subject of **argumentation**.

*“O you hypocrites, you can discern the face of the sky, but can you not discern the signs of the times.” Matthew 16:3*

*“And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draws nigh.” Luke 21:28*

*“Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen.” II Timothy 2:14*

**His coming is not to be argued, it is to be accepted.**

C. It is to be a subject of **inspiration**.

D. It is to be a subject of **motivation**.

*“But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them who are asleep, that you sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.” 1 Thessalonians 4:13*

**II. Three Problems**

A. **Ignorance**

B. **Sorrow**

C. **Hopelessness**

*“Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope.” Verse 13*

“Wherefore,” on the basis of that, “comfort one another with these words.” 1  
Thessalonians 4:18

### **III. Three Unshakable Truths**

A. You can rely upon the **certainty** of his coming.

1. The first is the **Gospel** itself.

*“For as in Adam, all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive; but every man in his own order: Christ, the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ’s at His Coming.” 1  
Corinthians 15:22*

2. The sure **Word** of our Lord.

*“For this we say unto you by the Word of the Lord.” Verse 15*

B. You can rest in the **comfort** of his coming.

*“Wherefore comfort one another with these words.” Verse 18*

#### **1. Two basic events that lead to great comfort:**

First, the **majesty** of His return.

*“For the Lord Himself shall descend.” Verse 16*

*“This same Jesus, which is taken up from you...” Acts 1:11*

Second, the **miracle** of our resurrection.

*“For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout and with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet of God.” Verse 16*

C. The **consultation** of his coming. Verse 17

*“After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.” Verse 17*

**Remember this formula:**

**RETURN + RESURRECTION + RAPTURE = REUNION**