

## **Jesus Will Return**

1. Quick review
2. Seven C's of history
3. Eschatology - what is it?
4. How NOT to approach the end times
5. Common ground
6. Key differences
7. A survey of five views of the end times
8. Conclusion
9. Possible topics for December 10, 17 and 31?

## **Quick review of the last few weeks - a short course in systematic theology**

1. Last week - Sanctification - Becoming like Jesus
2. Pray without ceasing
3. Adoption into God's family as his children
4. Justification - saved by grace...alone

## **Seven C's of history (according to Answers Bible Curriculum)**

1. Creation
2. Corruption
3. Catastrophe
4. Confusion
5. Christ
6. Cross
7. **Consummation**

## **Eschatology - what is it?**

1. From the Greek word *eschatos* (ἔσχατος) which means "last"
2. Eschatology is the study of last things

## **How NOT to approach the end times**

1. Trying to predict the date of Christ's return (SLIDES)

## **Common ground - three terms and six truths**

1. Rapture
  - a. **1 Thessalonians 4:15-18**
  - b. See curriculum questions

- c. "Rapture" is derived from Middle French *rapture*, via the Medieval Latin *raptura* ("seizure, kidnapping"), which derives from the Latin *raptus* ("a carrying off"). (Wikipedia, "Rapture")
- 2. Tribulation
  - a. **Matthew 24:15-31**
  - b. See curriculum questions
- 3. Millennium
  - a. **Revelation 20:1-10**
  - b. See curriculum questions
  - c. "Millennium" is derived from the Latin *mille*, thousand, and *annus*, year. (Wikipedia, "Millennium")
- 4. We don't know when Christ will return
  - a. **Matthew 24:44**
  - b. **Matthew 25:13**
  - c. **2 Peter 3:10**
  - d. **Revelation 22:20**
- 5. Jesus will return in bodily form
  - a. **Acts 1:10-11**
  - b. **1 Thessalonians 4:16**
- 6. Both believers and unbelievers will experience a bodily resurrection
  - a. **Daniel 12:1-3**
  - b. **Acts 24:15**
- 7. There will be a judgment day
  - a. **2 Corinthians 5:9-10**
  - b. **Revelation 20:11-15**
- 8. Believers will be with God forever
  - a. **Revelation 21:1-4**
- 9. Unbelievers will be punished forever
  - a. **Revelation 20:14-15**
  - b. **Revelation 21:8**

### **Preterism and Futurism - two more terms**

- 1. **Preterism**
  - a. See *A Case for Amillennialism*, pages 21-22, **paragraph 2**
  - b. See also the margin notes in Matthew 24 in my NKJV Bible from Bible college
- 2. **Futurism**
  - a. See *A Case for Amillennialism*, pages 21-22, **paragraph 3**

### **Key differences**

- 1. How Israel and the Church relate to each other

2. The timing and duration of certain events - specifically the rapture, the tribulation, and the millennium
3. What those events will look like

### **A survey of five views of the end times**

1. Historical (Post-tribulational) Premillennialism
  - a. See *A Case for Amillennialism*, pages 27-28, **all four paragraphs**
2. Dispensational (Pre-tribulational) Premillennialism
  - a. See *A Case for Amillennialism*, pages 25-26, **all paragraphs except the last**
3. Postmillennialism
  - a. See *A Case for Amillennialism*, pages 28-31, **all**
4. Amillennialism
  - a. See *A Case for Amillennialism*, pages 31-32, **all**
5. Panmillennialism
  - a. How I learned about panmillennialism

### **Conclusion**

1. **Titus 2:11-14** - hope!
2. Does your eschatology influence the way you live? How?

### **Possible topics for December 10, 17, and 31?**

### **Resources**

1. *Systematic Theology*, Wayne Grudem
2. *A Case for Amillennialism*, Kim Riddlebarger
3. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rapture>
4. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Millennium>
5. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Preterism>
6. <https://quizlet.com/171461090/theology-3-flash-cards/>