



**SERIES: October “Back to the Future”**

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**Scripture: Mark 13:24-26; 2 Thess. 2:3-5**

**TITLE: What Signs Indicate Jesus’ Return? Part 2**

The return of Christ is one of the most anticipated and debated topics in Christianity. When is He coming back? What are the signs of His return? Are there signs? Well, so far this week, we’ve discovered that no one knows when Jesus is coming back except for God the Father.

But will there be signs to indicate He is getting ready? Yes. We discovered 3 yesterday. Be sure you check those out if you missed them.

But there are 3 more signs of Jesus return we will discover as we turn back to the Bible.

Mark 13:24-27 (CSB) says:

“But in those days, after that tribulation: The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not shed its light; the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then, they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. He will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.”

Wow. That sounds pretty noticeable, and you’re right. There will be signs in the heavens that Christ is coming back. After this horrible tribulation, the sun will go dark. The moon will stop reflecting the light of the sun. The stars will begin to shoot and disappear. Not only that, but the One who is, according to Hebrews 1:3, “sustaining all things by his powerful word” will allow the heavens to be shaken but not destroyed.

So there will be signs in the heavens.

Another sign is the Antichrist, who we talked about last week as we explored Revelation 13. But the Antichrist is mentioned in other passages. 2 Thessalonians 2:1-10 calls him “the man of lawlessness.” Paul says this beginning in verse 3:

“Don’t let anyone deceive you in any way. For that day will not come unless the apostasy comes first and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called God or object of worship, so that he sits in God’s temple, proclaiming that he himself is God.” (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4)

As we studied last week, this Antichrist will sustain a mortal wound and live. And then he will carry out certain tasks to lead the masses astray. So there will be signs in the heavens, there will be the Antichrist. And there will be the Salvation of all Israel. Romans 9-11 discusses this topic. There is great debate on what this means, but we can be sure that there will be Jews who receive Jesus as their Messiah.

So six key signs of Christ's return. Have they occurred? Are they occurring? Are they all still in the future? Scholars don't know.

But this much we can be sure of: Christ is coming back. There are very clear signs that seem to be occurring today. Regardless, Christ's return is imminent.

So here's my challenge for you today: long for Christ's return. We've talked a lot in the past weeks about loving God more than this world. We hold too tightly to the things and events of this world. The signs of Christ's return should excite us to the reality he is coming soon! So long for it with active anticipation.

In the comments below, share why you are excited about Christ's return?

When we long for His return, we are ready, and that means we will win the day.