



Series: Standing Firm

Sermon: Part 5: Jesus Is Coming Back?

Date: Sunday, June 22nd, 2025

“60% of Americans do not believe God exists or that He ‘affects lives.’” (Barna, 2025)

Heresies: False doctrines and beliefs that contradict or deny the Truth of Jesus

Scripture referenced in sermon message: 2 Peter 3:1-4 NLT, Matthew 24:4-5, 9-12

By remembering the Gospel, in its entirety and sticking to it, it not only stimulates our faith as we live it out but then we are able to teach it in its entirety to others as well.

Jesus’ initial arrival was as a suffering Servant who would choose to die on the Cross for the sins of all of humanity.

His second return to Earth will be as a glorious conquering _____ where He will be accompanied by Heavenly armies in order to bring justice to the nations as He makes all things new, bringing final restoration and undoing all that sin has destroyed.

Prophets: Old Testament Scriptures

Apostles: New Testament Scriptures

When we choose to follow Jesus and live for Him, criticisms and _____ words will follow.

Characteristics of God

1. God is _____

They deliberately forget that God made the Heavens long ago by the word of His command, and He brought the Earth out from the water and surrounded it with water. Then He used the water to destroy the ancient world with a mighty flood. And by the same word, the present Heavens and Earth have been stored up for fire. They are being kept for the day of judgment, when ungodly people will be destroyed. (2 Peter 3:5-7 NLT)

2. God is _____

But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. (2 Peter 3:8 NLT)

“A thousand years in Your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.” (Psalm 90:4)

Because God is omniscient, meaning all knowing, as well as omnipresent, meaning at all places at all times, we can trust Him to guide us and even trust what He says because He knows and sees it all.



3. God is _____

The Lord isn't really being slow about His promise, as some people think. No, He is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent. (2 Peter 3:9 NLT)

God will do whatever it takes to save us, but the deeper question is: will we humbly respond to Him in repentance?

4. God is _____

But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief. Then the Heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and the very elements themselves will disappear in fire, and the Earth and everything on it will be found to deserve judgment. (2 Peter 3:10 NLT)

The Day of the Lord, also known as the day of judgement and the day of destruction for those who have rebelled and rejected God, is the day that Jesus returns to Earth for the second time.

For those who are believers who are still on Earth, The Day of the Lord is a glorious day of salvation because they will see their Lord face to face and God will make all things right and new.

Scripture referenced in sermon message: Matthew 24:29-31

God has provided a way for people to be saved from their sins, but they ultimately have to _____ His way for themselves.

Bottom Line: *He (God) is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent. (2 Peter 3:9 NLT)*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

- 1. Why is it that when we choose to follow Jesus, criticisms and even mocking from others can follow? How have you experienced this?*
- 2. How have you seen God be patient and slow to anger with you? How did that patience cause you to turn back to Him?*
- 3. Who are the people that you can be praying for that they come to know Jesus? Who are the people you can engage with so that they can understand the love of Jesus for themselves?*

Songs used in service: Firm Foundation [He Won't] (Cody Carnes), In Christ Alone (Stuart Townend), Come Jesus Come (CeCe Winans), Lord, I Need You (Matt Maher)

Any prayer requests?

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Name _____ **Date:** _____ **Email:** _____

What can we be praying for you about?