

Group Study #1 THE MESSIAH

Read: Acts 1:9-12, Revelation 19:11-19, Zechariah 14

Truth: Jesus will return as King of kings and Lord of lords to judge, wage war, and rule.

Jesus ascended into heaven from the Mount of Olives, which is the hill to the east of the Temple in Jerusalem. Where will Jesus return? The exact same place- The Mount of Olives. The angels at His ascension in the book of Acts and the Prophet Zechariah reveal that Jesus will step foot on the Mount of Olives when He returns. You can go to the Mount of Olives and see it for yourselves. It's a real place, and the return of Jesus is an absolute truth! What happens when Jesus returns? Revelation 19 explains that Jesus comes to judge and wage war. He will strike down the nations, rule over them, tread the winepress of the wrath of God, make war against the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies. Wow! Jesus comes to judge and wage war. Is that what you pictured at the return of Jesus?

Revelation 17:14 (NASB) These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them because He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful.

Zechariah 14:9 (NASB) And the LORD will be King over all the earth; on that day the LORD will be the only one, and His name the only one.

If we know that Jesus will return to judge the lost world, wage war, and rule, what should we do now?

Mathew 28:18-20 (NASB) And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. ¹⁹ Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Acts 1:6-8 (NASB) So, when they had come together, they began asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time that You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ But He said to them, "It is not for you to know periods of time or appointed times which the Father has set by His own authority; ⁸ but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and as far as the remotest part of the earth."

Answer: Tell as many people as we possibly can about salvation in Jesus. We should think of new strategies to reach whole nations. We should use our time wisely, and our money generously to reach as many people with the Gospel as we possibly can with the time we have left. How are we doing? How are you doing?

Questions:

1. What is stopping you from going to Israel and walking in the footsteps of Jesus?
2. Explain in your own words what Jesus will do when he returns?

3. Why is it important for us to know the fullness of God instead of only knowing, “God is love”?
4. Why do we not focus our lives on telling people about Jesus?