

 Scripture teaches that there will be a ______, personal, ______, and ______, second coming of Christ.

"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:11

The second coming includes both the _______
of the saints and the _______
with the saints.

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well **that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.** I Thessalonians 5:1-2

⁷ For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Matthew 24:27

⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— ⁵² **in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye**, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. I Corinthians 15:51-52

The Two Most Important Questions About the Return of Christ:

1. Are you looking ______ to the return of Christ?

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ . . . Philippians 3:20

Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day and not only to me, **but also to all who have longed for his appearing.** II Timothy 4:8

• "*Maranatha*" –n. Aramaic "*The Lord is coming*" or "*Come quickly Lord*." A common ______ of the New Testament church.

²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** Revelation 22:20

2. Are you living ______ for the return of Christ?

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹² It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ... Titus 2:11-13

• Matthew 25 - Three parables of Jesus about being

Next Steps for April 26:

 $\hfill\square$ Live this week as if Christ were coming back at any moment.

 \Box Join us tonight at 6:00 p.m. as we pray for our neighbors.

Invite someone to join you next week for the conclusion of the "What If?" message series.