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As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"
Matt. 24:3

I. The First Advent -----> The Second Advent

- A. Christ came to earth as a child – Immanuel – God with us = First Advent
- B. He promised to return! Maranatha! = Second Advent
- C. We turn our attention to the "Second Advent" or "Second Coming" of Christ
- D. Some confusion about the two parts of Christ's second coming

II. The Five Distinctions Between Rapture and Second Coming

Rapture:

- 1. Christ Returns IN the AIR (I Thess. 4:17)
- 2. Brings COMFORT (I Thess. 4:18)
- 3. About the CHURCH (I Thess. 4:14)
- 4. Changes BODIES of believers (I Cor. 5:51-53)
- 5. We cannot know the time (Matt. 24:36)

Second Coming:

- Christ returns TO the EARTH (Zech. 14:4,5)
- Brings JUDGEMENT (Rev. 19:15)
- About ISRAEL & World (Zech. 12:2-9)
- Changes HEARTS of the Jews (Zech. 12:10)
- Has many signs to watch (Matt. 24:30)

III. The Five Signs Leading toward the Rapture

- 1. The development and restoration of Israel – The Fig Tree Parable (Matt. 24:32-35)
- 2. The deception of the worldly through technology (Matt. 24:4, 5, 11, 22-28)
- 3. The disabling of the worldly using fear (Matt. 24:6 – 8)
- 4. The distress of persecution but the declaration of the gospel (Matt. 24:9 – 14)
- 5. The domination of the "Global Establishment" (Matt. 24:15 – 22)