



WHAT NEXT?

Just before the crucifixion of Jesus, which was followed by his resurrection and ascension to heaven, his disciples asked him what would be the 'signs' of his return to the earth. Had he given them a date then they and all disciples since could have sat back knowing there was plenty of time, so he didn't – instead he gave them word pictures of what it would be like at the time he returned. Events in the world can develop so quickly that all down the years followers of Jesus have known that the Second Coming could come any time, so they have tried their best to be ready. Jesus said things like this: *'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be mighty and violent earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences (plagues, malignant and contagious or infectious epidemic diseases, deadly and devastating). And there will be sights of terror and great signs from heaven.'* (Luke 21:10-11 quoted from the Amplified New Testament, a relatively modern

version - 1958 - which seeks to give the full meaning of the Greek New Testament words). If you want to know more read *Matthew 24, Luke 21 and 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17*. The Second Coming of Jesus is not talked about much these days (for a reason you might like to look at *2 Peter 3:3-4*; you will find this letter from Peter towards the end of the New Testament) but the Bible is full of references to the return of Jesus – and not just in the New Testament either. It is an essential part of the Gospel.



When we look around at our world today and remember the words of Jesus, and when we notice such things as the economic and debt problems, difficulties in the Euro zone, conflict in Ukraine, ebola, the so-called Islamic State, Boko Haram, tsunamis, and lots of other threats and disasters, it is not surprising that people are wondering 'what next?' **Perhaps 'what next?' will be the greatest surprise of all!**

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Bible Hour Topics:

March 1st	<i>The Crossword of Life</i> <i>Youth Special</i>
March 8th	<i>Would it be Wrong to Defend My Country?</i>
March 15th	<i>The Miracle of Christianity</i>
March 22nd	<i>What is God Trying to Achieve?</i>
March 29th	<i>Morning Meditation: Being on the Lord's Side</i>
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April 12th	<i>The Bible is True</i>
April 19th	<i>The Kingdom of God on Earth</i>
April 26th	<i>Jesus in Genesis</i>

Bible Mastermind

- 1 Which pair of books in the New Testament mentions the Second Coming of Jesus in every chapter?
- 2 *Matthew 24* and *Luke 21* talk about two major events. One is the Second Coming of Jesus, but what is the other?
- 3 The biggest reason to expect the return of Jesus has not been mentioned in the DorridgeHope March issue. What is it? It is mentioned in *Luke 21:24*.
- 4 Which books of the New Testament do not mention the Second Coming? There are some, but not many.

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