

## READY AND WAITING

**Revelation 1:5-8**

Saturday, March 24, 2018, 34th Day of Lent

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. – 1 Thessalonians 4:16a (NKJV)

In our scripture reading from Revelation, John is talking about the second coming of Jesus Christ. He tells us, "...to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Behold, He is coming with clouds and every eye will see Him..." Jesus Himself tells us, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,...the Almighty."

In 1996, country singer Colin Raye released a song entitled, "What If Jesus Comes Back Like That?" In the song Raye asks, what if Jesus comes back, "On an old freight train in a hobo hat," or "Two months early and hooked on crack?"

We are told in various places in scripture that when Christ returns it will not be in an obscure manner. Everyone will know it! Philippians 2:10-11 tells us that every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. 1 Thessalonians 4:16 (above) also describes Christ's return. Nor will He return in a lowly state as He did the first time. He will return as King of Kings and Lord of Lords! (1 Tim. 6:15 & Rev. 19:16)

The song also has the line, "Where will He find out our hearts are at?" This is where our focus should be. Where will our hearts be when Christ returns? Will He find us watching and waiting with our lamps full of oil waiting for the Bridegroom's return? Or will we be so consumed and distracted by the worries and cares of life, or lost in the pleasures and false promises of Satan's lies and deceit, that we are not ready? During this Lenten season, let us examine our lives and our hearts to see if we are ready for our Lord's return.

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, help us to be diligent in keeping ourselves ready for Your glorious return. Amen.

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