## Last Words About End Times

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Live today in light of tomorrow. What we believe about tomorrow determines how we live today.

Read: 2 Peter 3:1-4

Jesus predicted He would come again. **Read:** Matthew 24:29–30; Mark 14:61–63; Acts 1:6–11

First century Christians believed Jesus would return in their lifetime.

**Read:** 1 Peter 4:7 ; 2 Peter 3:4 (NLT)

**Question:** For some today it is an honest question. How would you state the question today that the scoffers did in Peter's time?

**Questions:** What has been your exposure and experience with end times predictions and teachings? How does defining "The Last Days" as the entire time period between Jesus' resurrection and his return affect your view of the end times?

• God has always been active in history. Read: 2 Peter 3:10 (NLT); Peter is quoting Jesus in Matthew 24:42-44; Revelation 3:3; 16:15 **Scoffers want to live without consequences. Question:** What effect does the belief in God's final judgement of us have on the way we live?

• God acts in unexpected ways. Read: 2 Peter 3:8-9 (NLT) Question: What example in your life or have you observed where God did not fulfill a promise in the exact way people expected Him to?

In His first coming, Jesus didn't contradicted scripture. He fulfilled scripture in a way people didn't expect.

**Question:** What are some of the harmful consequences of misplaced predictions of Jesus coming again?

Jesus is coming soon! Keep the main thing the main thing. Be ready!

Read: 2 Peter 3:11–15

**Questions:** What do you want your life to look like when Jesus comes? If Jesus came back today, are you ready to meet Him? What do you need to do to be ready?

