

Portraits of Jesus' Return

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Jesus' return will be personal
Jesus' return will be glorious
Jesus' return is imminent

Images of Jesus' Return:

1. Jesus will return as The Bridegroom

Read Matthew 25:1-13; Revelation 19:7-9

Questions: What is your response to the idea of the church being the “bride” of Jesus? What are some parallels of this imagery?

**When you love someone
you long to be with them.**

Read Ephesians 5:25-27; 2 Timothy 4:8

2. Jesus will return as The Righteous Judge

Question: With the idea of being judged, how do you respond to this imagery?

Read 1 Timothy 4:8

Question: What has been your experience with a competition where you are judged?

This vision of Jesus as Judge is the most susceptible to being hijacked by our preconceived notions of judgment day or the shame we have internalized from previous experiences of exposure.

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Read Romans 8:1; 1 Corinthians 1:7-8;
2 Timothy 4:7-8; Philippians 2:12-13

3. Jesus will return as The Resurrecting One

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

**Jesus is not only the Resurrected One
He is the Resurrecting One!**

Questions: Which one of these images is most meaningful to you and why? Which image will you give some more thought and reflection on? How does the return of Jesus effect how you live today?