

1. The authority of the Scriptures

- a) 2 Peter 3:1–2. Why should we be attentive to the messages passed on to us by the Hebrew prophets and Christian apostles? (See 2 Timothy 3:15–17)
- b) The psalmist declared that God’s Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (Psalm 119:105). How have you experienced this truth in your own life?

2. Scoffers will come in the last days

- a) 2 Peter 3:3–7
- b) What is the difference between a scoffer and a skeptic?
- c) Why do scoffers in the last days mock the idea of the literal return of Jesus in glory?

3. Seeing history from God’s perspective

- a) The apostle Paul reminds us that we only see through a glass darkly.
- b) What is God’s perspective regarding human history? 2 Peter 3:8? (see Psalm 90:4)
- c) What is God’s motivation for allowing so much time to pass before the glorious return of Jesus? 2 Peter 3:9

4. The certainty of Christ’s return

- a) 2 Peter 3:10 (See also John 14:1–3; Matthew 24:27, 30–31)
- b) How should we live while we wait for the glorious return of Jesus? 2 Peter 3:10–13

i) Living holy and godly lives

ii) Looking for His coming

iii) Hastening His coming

c) What additional teaching did Jesus give regarding how to live as we wait for His return?

i) Matthew 24:45–51, the faithful & unfaithful servant

ii) Matthew 25:1–13, the parable of the 10 virgins

iii) Matthew 25:14–30, the parable of the talents

iv) Matthew 25:31–46, the separating of the sheep and the goats

5. A final appeal

- a) 2 Peter 3:14–18. What impresses you the most about Peter’s final appeal at the conclusion of his 2nd letter?
- b) Are there things we can do to grow in grace or is it simply God’s work? (v.18)

6. Discussion questions

- a) How does the reality of the return of Jesus in glory affect your life today? (Or are we sleeping?)
- b) How can we effectively share the news of the glorious return of Jesus in a world full of scoffers?

