



This Is Not the End!

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TODAY'S READING: Mark 13

"And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory" (Mark 13:26).

What do you think of when you think of Jesus? Does he have blond hair and blue eyes like some paintings depict him? Is he a gentle, peacekeeping teacher? We all conjure different images and connotations when we think of Jesus. Truthfully, we often focus on His attributes with which we most identify. If your life is chaotic, you may see him as peaceful. You may see him as a revolutionary who disrupted the Jewish system giving you reason to push against systems today. You may see Him as love or gentleness or faithfulness. None of these are wrong. Jesus' character and conduct are so multifaceted and layered. It is incredible to study how he lived, spoke and responded to others.

One aspect of Jesus that I often overlook is the returning, conquering King. I become absorbed with striving to live, think, speak and respond like Jesus, while leading others to do the same, and I forget this is not the end. I am so acutely focused on the now that I do not think of eternity. It is only in moments of reflection or conversation that I am reminded of the brevity of life compared to the expanse of eternity. When did you last think of an eternity with God and respond in thanksgiving? This is not the end! Thank God, this is not the end!

Jesus is many things to many people. He is our Savior. Jesus is joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control and so much more. He is the King of kings and will return one day to split the sky with power and glory. Every eye will see Him. Every knee will bow to Him. Every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. He has come before with humility and was born in a manger. The next time He comes He will come with power and glory. Today, spend some time reflecting on eternity and respond to Him in thanksgiving that He is coming again!

TOMORROW'S READING: Mark 14

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