

**ARE WE THERE YET?  
JOHN 12:1 / 11-11-20 / WED**

**I. FIRST, DON'T BE AFRAID OF THE SECOND COMING.**

A. This is what Jesus says—John 14:1.

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**“Do not let your hearts be troubled....**

B. How can we curb our fears about the second coming?

1. One way is to understand the Bible says we win—2 Peter 3:12-13.

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**12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.**

**13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.**

2. Jesus also says he wins—John 16:33.

**John 16:33**

**33 “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”**

**II. SECOND, DON'T TRY TO PREDICT IT.**

A. Jesus says the date is none of our business—Acts 1:7.

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**He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.**

B. Jesus' said he didn't even know the time—Matt. 24:36.

**Matthew 24:36**

**“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.**

C. Many people and groups have tried to do just that in the past.

III. **THIRD, BE READY FOR JESUS' RETURN.**

A. Jesus tells us to be ready for his return—Matt. 24:42.

**Matthew 24:42**

**42 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.**

B. How can we be ready for the Lord's return?

1. There is **the problem of sin**—Romans **3:23** **For all have sinned....**
2. There is **the penalty of sin**—Romans **6:23** **The wages of sin is death....**
3. There is **the payment for sin**—Romans **5:8** **While we were sinners Christ died for us.**
4. There is **the personal decision to be saved**—Romans **10:13** **If you declare with your mouth that Jesus is your Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the death, you will be saved.**