

## Sermon Title: Firm Foundation — The King Is Coming

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### Key Scriptures:

**Revelation 21:3-5 (NLT)** - *"I heard a loud shout from the throne," saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true."*

**Titus 2:11-14 (NLT)** - *For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God, while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed. He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.*

### Key points:

- Jesus IS coming. Our King IS coming.
- Scripture never hands us the return of Jesus to satisfy our curiosity. It hands it to us to change how we live today.
- The King isn't just coming back. He's coming home.
- Christ's coming was never written to scare anybody or cause chaos. It was written to bring comfort.
- You don't need the schedule of Christ's return. You need to know the King.
- In the Alliance, we believe Jesus brings a four-fold Gospel as Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, and Coming King.
- The Coming King aspect of Jesus purifies how we live, clarifies our mission, and restores everything broken.
- The end date of Jesus' return isn't a date to calculate; it's a finish line tied to a mission.
- Mission is not a holding pattern while we wait around for rescue.
- Jesus is not just coming back. He's coming home and He's bringing us with Him!
- The blessed hope, at its very deepest, is people who want the King more than they want the kingdom fixed.

**Life Group Discussion Questions**  
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**WARM-UPS**

1. Summer is now in full swing. What fun plans do you have?
2. If you grew up in a Christian home, how much was the second coming of Christ talked about? In what ways?

**DISCUSSION**

1. Let's start with The Alliance's Statement of Faith. The 11<sup>th</sup> and final tenet is: ***"The second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is imminent and will be personal, visible, and premillennial. This is the believer's blessed hope and is a vital truth which is an incentive to holy living and faithful service."*** Personalize what this means to you: why and how is it a blessed hope, a vital truth, and an incentive to holy living and faithful service?
2. A popular quote is, "Some people are so heavenly minded that they are of no earthly good." Pastor Spence spoke of how some obsess over the return. Have you seen or experienced Christians like this? What are the dangers of avoiding practical living in the present age?
3. Today's sermon stated that God's home among His people is not only a "someday" hope, but what the church is meant to be right now: the *with-ness* of God. Does this cause you to look at coming to church and fellowshiping with God's people in a different way today?
4. When Jesus comes, are you ready to go?

**IN THE WORD**

1. The sermon quoted Matthew 24:14 where Jesus stated that all nations will hear of the Good News and *then* the end will come. How does this help us change our view of the coming King from passive to active?
2. Paul speaks triumphantly to the Corinthian church in 1 Corinthians 15:51-58. In this passage, what is different for the dead at the time of Christ's coming? What is different for those living? And what is the instruction to us in verse 58 about what we do in the meantime?
3. Look carefully at Revelation 21:5 where in the NLT and NIV Jesus says, *"I am making everything new."* Other translations read, *"I am making all things new."* Contrast the meaning of "making all things new" versus "making all new things." How does this highlight renewal and restoration and our value to Jesus?

**PRACTICE**

- If Jesus' coming is not an escape – it's a welcome party – then who would you want to be at the party with you? Are they saved? If not, ask for an open door to present the Gospel to them so that they can be at the welcome party.