

Confess to Him that you are a sinner – *“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”*
Romans 3:10

Believe the Gospel – If you believe with all your heart that Jesus died on the cross to pay the price for your sins, was buried, and after three days, He arose from the dead, then you can be saved. *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”*
John 3:16

Repent – If you are sorry for your sins, then ask Him to save you right now and invite Him to be Lord of your life. *“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”* Romans 10:9

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Through the years many people have said that the return of Jesus Christ was near. Some even predicting the exact time of His return only to be proven wrong. Jesus stated in Matthew 24:36 *“But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.”*

The promise of Jesus' return to Earth is very real and is certain to take place one day. While no one knows the exact time, Jesus did give some signs that point to His return in Matthew 24:27 *“...the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?”* In verse seven Jesus lists signs which would precede His return to the Earth. *“For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.”* All of these signs are prevalent in our day but I would like to focus on two of them.

Pestilences – Webster's dictionary defines this as a contagious or infectious epidemic disease that is virulent and devastating. There have been a number of devastating plagues throughout history; The Black Death (Great Bubonic Plague) in 1347 which killed 50 million people, Smallpox was responsible for an estimated 300–500 million deaths in the 20th century, Spanish Flu, Malaria, and AIDS to name just a few. Not long ago EBOLA began entering the US from Africa.

As I write this tract, the entire world is almost shut down because of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Over the past century the number of infectious diseases has almost quadrupled. The signs pointing to Jesus' return are not their occurrence but rather their increase in frequency.

Earthquakes in divers places – Earthquakes are taking place all over the world regularly. A few of the larger and more recent ones were an 8.6 in Indonesia in 2005, an 8.8 in Chile in 2010 and a 9.0 in Japan in 2011. Since 1900, there have been more than 10,000 “strong” earthquakes with magnitudes of 6 or greater around the world, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. We have recently experienced a period that has had one of the highest rates of great earthquakes ever recorded.

These two signs point to Jesus' return to Earth however, Christians are looking for an event called the Rapture which takes place at least 7 years earlier. This is when all believers are “caught up” to the clouds to meet Jesus. If you have received Him as Lord and Savior, then you too can look forward to this event. If you are not a Christian then you will face the most terrifying time in human history known as The Great Tribulation, when all Christians will be gone and the Antichrist will rule the world. If we are already seeing the signs of Jesus' return to the Earth, then how much nearer must the Rapture be? Are you ready? You can be saved and not have to face The Great Tribulation!