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## Jesus WITH US...FOREVER

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### Intro: One Final Chapter in the EPIC—The Jesus Journey

Before us, with us, for us, over us...and then with us...forever!

- 1) Promote Theological Humility
- 2) Keep the “so what?” central
- 3) The importance of avoiding 2 extremes—
  - 1) Caring too *little*
  - 2) Caring too *much*

### IS JESUS GONE FOREVER?

#### 1) A Return

\* **Parousia:** *arrival or presence* of a person  
- I Thess. 3:13, 4:15, 5:23, II Thess. 2:1, 8

#### 2) A Revealing

\* **Epiphany:** sudden *revealing* of someone/thing hidden  
- II Thess. 2:8, I Tim. 6:14, 2 Tim. 1:10, 4:1,8, Titus 2:13

\* **Apocalypse:** sudden revealing of something hidden  
- I Cor. 1:7, II Thess. 1:7

### WHY IS JESUS COMING BACK?

#### 1) Justice—*Judgment for His enemies*

\* **II Thess. 1:5-10** –

#### 2) Justice—*Salvation for His people*

**Deliverance**—from God’s Wrath vs. sin

**I Thess. 1:9-10**—

**I Thess. 5:9**—

**Heb. 9:28**—

**I Cor. 1:7**—

**Rom. 5:9-10**—

**Resurrection**—New, immortal bodies

**I Phil. 3:20**—

**Rom. 6:5; 8:23**—

**I Cor. 15:22**—

**Inheritance**—New Creation

**Rom. 8:**

**Rev. 21**—God dwells on the renewed earth

### WHAT DO WE DO WHILE WE WAIT?

1) **We Pursue Holiness**—Titus 2:11-14, I John 3:3

2) **We Steward God’s Resources**—Matt. 25:14-30

3) **We Show Tangible Compassion**—Matt. 25:31-46

4) **We Invest in People**—I Thess. 2:19

5) **We Persevere to the end**—Matt. 10:22, 24:11-13, Heb. 10:35-39

\* **“Endurance” is a gift from God!!**

- **I Cor. 1:8**—*The Lord Jesus will sustain you* to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- **Phil. 1:6**—I am sure of this, that *He* who began a good work in you *will bring it to completion* at the day of Jesus Christ.

- **I Thess. 3:13**—...so that *He might establish* your hearts blameless in holiness...at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints!

### WHAT HAPPENS IF WE DIE BEFORE JESUS RETURNS?

\* **We’ll enjoy the Presence of Christ**

- **Phil. 1:21-23**—

- **Acts 7:55, 56, 59**—

- **Luke 23:42-43**—

- **I Thess. 4:14**—

- **Rom. 14:8-9**—