



St Richard of Chichester (1197-1253)

*“MOST merciful Redeemer,
who gavest to thy Bishop Richard a love of learning,
a zeal for souls, and a devotion to the poor:
grant that, encouraged by his example,
and aided by his prayers,
**we may know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly,
day by day;**
who livest and reignest with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God,
world without end. **Amen.**”*



What next?

Acts 1:6-11



The world has
been saying,
“But we’re OK...”



*“But are
you OK?”*

Unique Events in Jesus' Life

- Virgin birth
- Crucifixion/death
- Resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:3-8)
- Ascension (Acts 1:11-16)
- ***Return – personal, visible & victorious!***

Be informed; make a wise choice...

- ❑ John 3:16 “For God loved the world in this way: He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.
- ❑ John 3:36 “The one who believes in the Son has eternal life, but the one who refuses to believe in the Son will not see life; instead, the wrath of God remains on him.”

Facts

- ✓ Jesus is coming back (*318 references!*)
- ✓ He is right now preparing a place for us (John 14:2)
- ✓ He will take His children to be with Him
- ✓ Not everyone goes to heaven
- ✓ His return will be physical
- ✓ We don't know everything (1 John 3:2)
- ✓ But we know some things (1 John 3:2)
- ✓ This is a message of encouragement

Good news!

- ❖ God has a Master plan and He has total control
- ❖ My life is in His hands
- ❖ Physical death is not the end (1 Cor 15:51-57)
- ❖ Disciples will be with Jesus forever
- ❖ Eternity is a l-o-n-g time!
- ❖ We have a role in encouraging each other with this message (1 Thess 5:11)

Maranatha (1 Corinthians 16:22)

➤ Marana-tha - “Our Lord, come!”

➤ Revelation 22:20-21

“He who testifies about these things says, “Yes, I am coming quickly.” Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

*²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints.
Amen.*