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WHEN IS JESUS COMING BACK?

There are many views of the second coming of Jesus. Some believe that he will come before the Great Tribulation period and are called pre-tribulation saints. Others believe he will come in the middle of the Great Tribulation and are called mid-tribulation saints. And there are those that believe He will come at the end of the Great Tribulation and are called post-tribulation saints.

Over the years I have been taught all three views, but the main thing to remember is that Jesus is coming back. He may come before, in the middle, or at the end, but he is coming back.

In Mark chapter 13 Jesus tells his disciples to not be deceived. He also tells them that they will be hated by all for their stand for Jesus. He speaks of the abomination of desolation, wars, earthquakes, famines, and troubles. Then in Mark 13:24 he says, ***“24 But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, 25 And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. 26 And THEN SHALL THEY SEE the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. 27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together HIS ELECT from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.”*** (See also Matthew 24:27-31.)

Jesus tells his disciples that he will appear as a sign in the heavens after all the “bad stuff” happens, which can indicate that it is after the Great Tribulation takes place. If this is the case, then we as Christians should be prepared to endure extremely hard times. There will be persecution like we have never seen. There will be chaos, and trouble beyond what we could imagine.

My point in all of this is that Jesus is coming, and we need to be ready whenever it is. Live like he is coming back today and work like he isn't coming for a thousand years. Prepare to go through hard times and if they do not happen you can be thankful. Just be ready!