40 Days of Theology: Day 37

Is Jesus Really Coming Back?

1. Do you believe Jesus is going to come back to earth? Why do you believe as you do?
2. Read **John 14. 1-6**. What stands out to you in this passage?
3. Read **Matthew 25. 1-13** (Parable of the 10 virgins). What is the meaning of the parable?
4. Read **Matthew 25. 14-30** (Parable of the talents). What was Jesus saying?

1. There is a movement in theology called **Preterism** which basically holds that Jesus returned in the first century. One of the main passages used to support this viewpoint is Matthew 24. 34 in which Jesus is talking about end times and His return and says: *Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.* (NASB) How would you respond to a preterist who thinks Jesus’ second coming has already taken place?
2. One key aspect of our faith is **hope** (**1st Cor. 13.13**). What differentiates a Christian being hopeful from simply being wishful?
3. How does knowing that Jesus is coming again affect your daily life—or does it?
4. In **Matthew 24. 42-44**, Jesus calls us to stay awake expecting His return. Did He mean that we should not sleep until He returns? What did He really intend for us to understand from these verses?
5. Read **2nd Corinthians 4. 17-18**. Do you see what is unseen? What do you see?
6. How did the angels tell the disciples that Jesus is going to return? (See **Acts 1. 11**)
7. Are you ready? Why?
8. Do you know someone who is not ready? What are you going to do about that?