

**Sermon Notes – December 14, 2014**  
**“Come, Lord Jesus!”**  
**Matthew 24 & 25, selected verses**  
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Chuck Swindoll observes that the New Testament refers to Christ’s return roughly eight times as much as to his coming as a baby in Bethlehem.

- Given the strong emphasis on Christ’s return in Scripture, why do you think many Christians are hesitant to consider the subject?

Some passages that refer to Jesus’ return:

- John 14:1-2
- Acts 1:9-11
- Philippians 3:20-21, 1
- Thessalonians 4:15-17
- Hebrews 9:27-28
- Revelation 22.

As you read some of these passages put into your own words the encouragement that can be drawn from them.

Matthew 24. What does Jesus say here about his return that is confusing or obscure?

Despite the difficulties, what comes through clearly?

Matthew 25. In light of the prospect of Jesus’ imminent return, put into your own words what these 3 parables of Jesus’ say about how his followers ought to live.

- verses 1-13
- verses 14-30
- verses 31-46