

## GET READY...THE NEXT TIME WILL BE DIFFERENT!

Romans 1:16 I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes:

John 14:2-3 I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may BE where I am.

1. The First Time Jesus' Arrival Happened Slowly.  
The next time His arrival will happen instantly!

It will happen a flash, in the twinkling of an eye...

1 Cor. 15:52

For you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 1 Thess. 5:2 verse 52 says we will not all sleep

2. The First Time Jesus' Arrival Was Very Quiet.  
The next time the entire world will hear it!

For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of the God. 1 Thess. 4:16

3. The First Time a Single Star Was Seen in the Sky.  
The next time He will light up the entire Sky.

For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man. Matt. 24:27

When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, He will sit on His throne in heavenly glory. Matt. 25:31

4. The First Time Only a Few People Honored Him.  
Next Time EVERYONE will honor Him!

As surely as I live, says the Lord, every knee will bow before Me; every tongue will confess to God." Romans 14:11

5. The First Time Jesus Came to Save the World.

## Next time Jesus Is Coming to Judge the World.

God has set a day when the entire human race will be judged with justice, and everything set right. And God has already appointed the Judge, confirming Him before everyone by raising Him from the dead. Acts 17:31

6. The First Time Jesus Came to Die for Our Sins.  
The next time He is coming to gather His family.

God's unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family by sending Jesus Christ to die for us. Eph. 1:5

He will send His angels all around the earth, and they will gather His chosen people from every part of the world. Matt. 24:31

7. The First Time Jesus Came in Humility.  
The next time He will be coming as King and Lord of All.

Because He humbled Himself, God has exalted Jesus to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every other name so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God! Phil. 2:9-11

## SO HOW DO WE GET READY?

God's grace instructs us to give up ungodly living and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this world. Titus 2:12

The Lord isn't really being slow about His promised return, even though it sometimes seems that way. But He is waiting, for the good reason that He is not willing that any should perish, and He is giving more time for sinners to repent.

God's family is the Church of the living God. 1 Tim. 3:15