

### Today's Message

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Title: *He Comes with Clouds* 

Text: Luke 21:25–28 (ESV)

<sup>25</sup> "And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup> people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Introduction: In this section of the Olivet Discourse, Jesus described the details of his Second Coming and the cosmic signs that will accompany it. Those signs will have a profound effect on all who see them. The enemies of Christ the King will cower in despair, but His followers will find invigorated hope.

## I. The creation itself will announce the impending return of Christ the King. 25a, c; 26b

- A. Signs will appear in the heavens. 25a, 26b
- B. Signs will appear on the earth. 25c

### II. Creation's signs will terrify the enemies of Christ the King. 25b; 26a

- A. The nations will despair. 25b
  - 1. They will have no place of refuge.
  - 2. They will have no plan of action.
- B. The people will lose all hope. 26a
  - 1. They will "lose their breath" in anxiety.
  - 2. They will realize that their end has come.

#### III. Then Christ the King will descend. 27

- A. He will come with public display.
- B. He will come with divine authority.
- C. He will come with unassailable power.
- D. He will come with majestic glory.

# IV. The same signs that will terrify the enemies of Christ the King will invigorate his followers. 28

- A. The followers of Christ the King will find renewed hope.
- B. The followers of Christ the King will see that their final redemption is about to dawn.

Today's take-home truth: Every follower of Jesus has this hope: Christ the King is coming; May this hope invigorate our commitment to him every day.