

The Return of the King: Are You Ready? – Part 1

2 Samuel 19

Introduction:

1. King David's armies had defeated the armies of Absalom and quenched the rebellion. David had been forced to flee into the wilderness, but now it was time for the King to return to the throne of his kingdom. vs. 15
2. In so many ways, David is a picture of the King of kings – Jesus Christ.
Revelation 19:16
 - Due to earthly rebellion, David was sent into temporary exile, but ultimately returned in triumph.
 - Christ came to this earth as the King, the Messiah, but was rejected. He went into temporary exile into the heavens, but will one day return to this earth in triumph.
3. Like David, Christ will return to Jerusalem, sit on the throne of His glory, and dwell in the fullness of His glory and kingdom. Matthew 24:27, 29-30, 25:31; Revelation 1:7
4. Seven years before His glorious and public return to earth, Christ will make a secret return, not to earth, but in the heavens. We call this event the Rapture. We are caught up to meet Christ in the air.
 - At the Rapture, He is returning as the Head of His body (the church).
 - At the Revelation, He is returning as King over all the earth.
5. Just like King David returned, King Jesus is returning. Are you ready for His return? Are you prepared? Our knowledge that the King could return at any moment should cause us to prepare ourselves.
6. As we look at several people here in our text, and their responses, I believe we can make practical application to our lives. How can we prepare to meet the King, Jesus Christ?