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1. To fulfil His own promise. (John 14:1-3)
2. To fulfil Old Testament prophecies. (Isaiah 61:1,2)
3. To validate the message of the angels. (Acts 1:11)
4. To complete His work of redemption. (Romans 8:23)
5. To confirm the truthfulness of Scripture. (Hebrews 9:28)
6. To execute judgment on those who reject Him. (2 Thess. 1:7-10)
7. To answer the prayer He taught His disciples. (Matthew 6:10)

## How Will Christ Return?

When Jesus returns, it will be...

1. Personal and literal. (John 14:1-3; Revelation 22:7; 1 Thess. 4:16)
2. Open and visible. (Matthew 24:23-27)
3. Sudden and unexpected. (Matthew 24:17,18,27)
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  - Wars and rumours of wars
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  - Lawlessness, violence, immorality
4. The religious sign. (Matthew 24:10-13)
  - Apostasy, falling away, false prophets
5. The geological sign. (Mark 13:8; Zechariah 14:4)
  - Earthquakes
6. The intellectual sign. (Daniel 12:4)
  - Increased knowledge
7. The demonic sign. (1 Timothy 4:1)
  - Following the "Doctrine of Demons" – the occult
8. The economic sign. (James 5:1-3)
  - Unstable Riches
9. The Israel sign. (Matthew 24:32-34)
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