

Which emoji are you when Jesus returns?



The sound of a father's footsteps approaching the front door - the same thing can mean different things to different people. For the two year old that sound may be the most exciting noise she's heard all day. For the teenager who has just crashed the car it may elicit dread. For a child feeling scared and alone it may be the sound of comfort and relief. How we feel and respond to someone's return depends on our relationship with them.

The Bible declares Jesus Christ will return to earth. Jesus's return is described as a universal, unavoidable, world altering event like none before. He will return to earth as the king, the judge and the saviour of every nation and people. How each of us will feel at his return depends on our relationship with him.

“Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.” Hebrews 9:27-28

Trusting that because of Jesus I am forgiven for my sins and at peace with God means his return

is something I look forward to. Jesus' return is when my salvation will be fully realised, when I will meet my kind king face to face and share in his splendour. It will be a time of happy face emoji.

However, for those who have rejected Jesus, who have denied their wrongdoing and lived life without regard to the heavenly king, Jesus' return will be a dreadful occasion. It will be a time of giving account of their life to the one who gave it to them and a time of punishment and fear.

Right now we have the chance to get to know Jesus as king, judge and saviour before he returns - to be the toddler excited for dad to come home and not end up before the judge without excuse. Which emoji are you when Jesus returns?

Prayer

Dear Jesus,
I believe that one day you will return as almighty king, judge and saviour. Help me now to know you, trust you and look forward to that day confident that I am forgiven and right with you because of your sacrifice. Amen