

Those On Earth When Jesus Comes
I Thessalonians 4:15-18

(rapture)

I. The Resurrection of the dead, vs. 16-17.

A. Those who will be first, vs. 16.

1. ...the dead in Christ shall rise first: vs. 16

2. (split screen with verse and Jesus with outstretched arms) Luke 24:39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

3. I Peter 3:18-19 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;

4. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: Revelation 20:6.

5. (closed graves) ...the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished... Revelation 20:5

B. Those who will follow, vs. 17.

1. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air... vs. 17.

2. (Michael blowing the trumpet)

3. (mountain scene)

4. (confused crowd)

5. (people cowering and turning away)

C. Those who will fellowship forever, vs. 17.

1. ...and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

vs. 17.

2. (split screen with Christ as King and verse) that they may behold my glory, John 17:22-24.

3. ...together with them... vs. 17 (several people hugging)

4. (Mount of Transfiguration)

5. (show tombstone with these words)