

John 16:13, "When He the spirit of truth e is come He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on His own, He will only speak what He hears and He will tell you what is yet to come." Here again it does not say He's going to tell us everything that is going to come. He is going to give us glimpses of the future which are vital for us to have. When the disciples were with Christ for those 40 days after His resurrection and talked with him for those 40 days, just think of how much they must have understood that they didn't before. How much He must have revealed to them. How wonderful it must have been --those 40 days.

Yet we find that at the end of the 40 days, in Acts 1:8-- When they therefore were come together they asked him saying, Lord wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? There are those today who say, Of course there's not going to be any kingdom restored to Israel. God is working in our hearts, and that is the kingdom of God. Of course it is the kingdom of God at work in our hearts. Very true. It's true that every one of us who recognizes God as our leader and as our king is a part of God's kingdom. That is certainly not what the disciples had in mind here.

They ask, Are you going at this time to restore the kingdom to Israel? After 40 days teaching them added to 3 years previously teaching them, if he now thought that they had some crass literal idea of a human kingdom on this earth that is going to control things upon earth in some way something x like the kingdom of David what do you think Jesus would have said to them? Can you imagine yourself--- I've been in the position of presenting something to a class 8 times and then somebody asks the question, Will you please explain so and so? In most cases the Lord has given me the patience very quietly and patiently to repeat it again. But I'm sure if after 40 days of presenting such an important event as the kingdom of God as something that was going to be in their hearts and not an external thing such as they ask about here, I would have said, What's the use; I'm not going to bother with you folks any more! If you can't get the idea any better than that.

But we find that's not what Jesus said. Jesus said to them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons which the Father has put in his own power. He did not say this is not going to happen. He said, You are not toknow when it is going to happen. I've heard of many people in my lifetime who have set up precisely the time at which they said the Lord was coming back. ~~Wxx~~ When anyone begins setting dates as to when the Lord is coming back he shows very clearly he has not very carefully studied the Scriptures because a dozen times we're told in the NT that of the day and hour nobody knows when Jesus is coming back, but we are always to be ready.

When people ask me, Do you think the Lord is coming soon, I tell them I'm absolutely sure that ~~Wx~~ His return is one day closer ~~xxxx~~ than it was yesterday! That I'm absolutely sure of. But whether he's coming back tomorrow or next week or whether it may be 1000 years from now, I do not know. If anyone says they know,