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Many questions as to the manner of the return of Christ can be quickly answered by observing the statement of the two angels at the ascension: "This same Jesus who is taken up from you into heaven will so come in like manner as you have seen him go into heaven".*

*Acts 1:11.

It is hard to see how this could refer to the reception of the individual Christian at death. Plainly it ~~does~~ ^{does} not describe a birth as a baby but a descent of a full-grown man. It gives a very clear ~~answer~~ picture of ~~any~~ some vital features of the event. ~~His/going/into///~~ His ascension into heaven was physical and His return is to be physical. His ascension was in a human body, and His return will be in a human body. His ascension was visible, and His return will be visible. Rev.1:7 declares: "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him." Jesus Himself declared to the High priest that the time would ~~be~~ come when men would see Him "sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven." *

*Matthew 26:64.

In addition to these features, we note that the ascension was rather sudden. At one ~~instant~~ ^{moment} the disciples were conversing with Him. An instant later, "while they beheld, he was taken up, ~~and a cloud~~ ⁾ His return also is to be a sudden event. He said to his disciples: "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."* Paul stated that "the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night."*

*Matthew 24:44.

*1 Thessalonians 5:2.

Thus ~~there are many points that can be learned from what the angel said when Christ ascended, which give us~~ ^{certains points of very} definite knowledge about the manner of His return.