

Questions About Satan's Greatest Deception of a Second Coming of Jesus

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Will Satan be able to deceive us into thinking that he is Jesus by hanging in the sky with bright light and his angels around him in the same way that Jesus will be appearing to us when he comes the second time?

Answer:

Yes, Satan will try to deceive the world by impersonating Jesus—even appearing in dazzling light with what seem like angels. The Bible strongly warns about this end-time deception, and Jesus Himself made it clear that Satan will try to counterfeit His second coming in ways that are incredibly convincing.

What the Bible Says

1. Satan appears as an angel of light

“And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.”
— 2 Corinthians 11:14

Satan will use visual grandeur and glory to imitate Jesus' return in order to deceive people.

2. Jesus warned about false Christs appearing

“Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.”
— Matthew 24:23–24

“If they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; or ‘Look, He is in the inner rooms!’ do not believe it.”
— Matthew 24:26

Jesus warned explicitly that false messiahs will perform miracles and supernatural signs, but we must not believe them.

3. How the real Jesus will return (so we can't be deceived)

a) It will be global and visible

"For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be."

— Matthew 24:27

His coming won't be secret, local, or only visible to some—it will be worldwide and unmistakable.

b) Every eye will see Him

"Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him."

— Revelation 1:7

This is not a spiritual or symbolic return. It is literal and visible to the entire world.

c) He does not touch the ground

"Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord."

— 1 Thessalonians 4:17

Jesus does not walk on the earth at His second coming. If someone claiming to be Jesus is walking around or appearing in certain cities or temples—it is a deception.

Bottom Line: How Not to Be Deceived

1. Know your Bible – The Bible gives clear details about how Jesus will return. If something doesn't match it, it's a counterfeit.

2. Stay spiritually alert – Deception is most powerful when people are spiritually asleep.

3. Don't trust your eyes alone – Just because something looks glorious or supernatural doesn't mean it's from God.

4. Remember: Jesus doesn't set foot on the earth when He returns—we meet Him in the air.

Satan's Greatest Deception

“He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven... And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs.”

— Revelation 13:13–14

One of the final deceptions will involve false miracles, apparitions, and overwhelming visual glory that will cause many to fall for Satan’s counterfeit.

Final Thought

If you stay rooted in God’s Word, you will recognize the fake because you know the truth. Jesus will come in unmistakable glory, not in hidden places or media appearances. And He will call His people upward, not walk among them on earth.