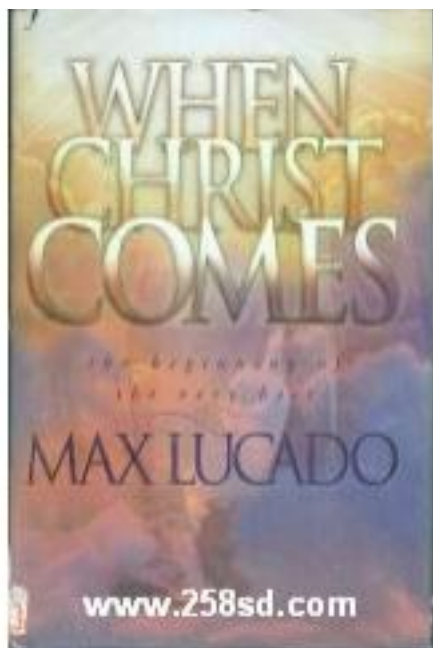


# When Christ Comes



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Amazon.com In *When Christ Comes*, bestselling Christian author Max Lucado uses common stories, often drawn from his own life, to explore the challenging question of the Second Coming of Christ. Lucado's primary concern is not theological but practical: how should we respond? And what should we do in the meantime? His answer is clear, if paradoxical: "wait forwardly," he writes. Be "patiently vigilant." Live in expectation even as you live fully in the present. Lucado's strength lies in his ability to stay close to his own story, which includes a life-changing realization of God's mercy, and in his ability to stay connected to his Church of Christ congregation and his readers. He keeps these parishioners clearly in mind as he preaches and as he converts his sermons into bestselling books. Designed to be read in about 10 minutes, each chapter emphasizes mercy and pardon rather than judgment and

suggests, as the book's subtitle affirms, that Christ's return is "the beginning of all good things." Those looking for theological explorations or complex eschatology are advised to look elsewhere. For thousands of the evangelical faithful, however, Lucado is the Billy Graham of the '90s. --Doug Thorpe From Publishers Weekly For many Christians, the end of the millennium represents the time of Christ's Second Coming, which will usher in a "new heaven and a new earth." Of course, there are as many interpretations of the book of Revelation as there are Christians. With his characteristic humor and relaxed style, popular author Lucado (Just Like Jesus) offers a brief survey of the various opinions related to the Second Coming. There are some Christians and many non-Christians who fear the Second Coming because of the biblical and popular images of separation and destruction. Others are so obsessed with the Second Coming that they have tried to pinpoint the exact date on which it will happen, so that they can be ready. Still others wonder if they will be turned away at Heaven's gate, if they will be humiliated when God reveals publicly all their sins, or if anyone will recognize them when they get a new body. In each chapter, Lucado interprets various scriptural passages on the Second Coming. Based on his interpretation of Revelation, Lucado contends that the day of Christ's coming will be one of reckoning, redemption, rejuvenation and rewards. A study guide to the many questions and biblical passages raised in the book is included as an appendix. Lucado deals with some difficult questions in a warm and engaging manner that has broad appeal. (Aug.) Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. See all Editorial Reviews

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