

The mourning after

Who of us was unmoved as we watched Princess Diana's funeral on television.

An even greater occasion of mourning will occur when Christ returns to this earth.

Note, **first**, it's global effect upon the world's unbelievers: "...and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of Him." Revelation 1.7

Second, just as mourning for Diana has been a worldwide video spectacle – the largest live video telecast in modern history – similarly when Christ returns, "Every eye will see Him." Revelation 1.7.

Third, ordinary people are accused of aiding Diana's death – they bought magazine pictures similar to those which eventually led to her road smash.

So too there will be guilt when Christ returns.

At the beginning of this age, the unrepentant nailed Christ to the cross.

But the unrepentant at the end of this age will be held just as guilty. See the allusion to this in Revelation 1.7 "...every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him."

Does Jesus want to be greeted by mourners?" No! He said, "you can avoid trouble by always being ready for my unannounced return."

Matthew 24.44 (Living Bible)

It would seem sensible, therefore, to prepare for His return by surrendering our lives to Him now.

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Newspapers tell us what has just happened, but the Bible tells us what is about to happen.

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