

**News and Current Events :: Detroit Free Press - Billboards say Jesus is Returning On May 21,2011****Detroit Free Press - Billboards say Jesus is Returning On May 21,2011 - posted by learjet, on: 2010/12/4 13:15**

This is ridiculous, I noticed it on the homepage of the Detroit Free Press.

(<http://www.freep.com/article/20101204/NEWS05/12040397/1320/Billboards-to-proclaim-Jesus-return>)

I'm wondering where these folks get their money, it's an expensive ad campaign.

This sort of reminds me of the modern day equivalent of the soothsaying woman that was following Paul in Acts 16 saying 'these men are servants of the Most High God' in an attempt to discredit his ministry by association.

Your thoughts?

In Christ,
Earl J

Re: Detroit Free Press - Billboards say Jesus is Returning On May 21,2011 - posted by wayneman (), on: 2010/12/4 15:4

This ministry is run by Harold Camping, who famously foretold that the Second Coming would occur in 1994. I started to read his explanation for the new date of May 21, 2010, but then thought, "Why bother?"

He is 89 years old, BTW.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2010/12/4 15:46

This is sad. I have enjoyed some of the conservative stances of Family Radio. But sadly is very dangerous overall and this is one of the fruits of it. I would 100% ignore this but may we look for the coming of the Lord every day and live such.

In reverent fear purifying ourselves in holiness and setting ourselves apart as living sacrifices with the mercy of God in view.

Re: Detroit Free Press - Billboards say Jesus is Returning On May 21,2011, on: 2010/12/4 15:54

It was predicted by a group of people back in 1844 that Jesus would return, nothing happened. So they regrouped and gave another date, nothing happened. And nothing will happen on May 21, 2011.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2010/12/4 15:56

But something might happen today! Marantha Lord Jesus. Come! And our Second Coming / Rapture experience could be today if we died personally.

Our accountability to God could be today. May we be found to be trusting in Christ Alone and may our lives reflect this.

Re: - posted by Nellie, on: 2010/12/4 16:47

We don't know when Jesus is coming, but we do know we are closer to His Coming today, than we were Yesterday.
God Bless
Nellie

Re: - posted by JB1968 (), on: 2010/12/4 17:16

I heard an evangelist say that he knew when Jesus was coming (not serious of course). He said it would be on Christmas day, because a lot of churches will cancel services when Christmas comes on a Sunday. He said it is almost impossible to get people to come to church on Christmas anymore. I'm sure all congregations are not the same. Wouldn't it be terrible to not be where we are supposed to be when Jesus returns? Just a thought.

Re: - posted by mguldner (), on: 2010/12/4 18:05

"It was predicted by a group of people back in 1844 that Jesus would return, nothing happened. So they regrouped and gave another date, nothing happened. And nothing will happen on May 21, 2011."

Of course nothing is going to happen on May 21, 2011 because everyone knows the end will be December 21, 2012 ;).

I was never fond of people guessing dates of the Lord's return people that do seem to think they can outsmart God who clearly states no one knows.

Re: Detroit Free Press - Billboards say Jesus is Returning On May 21,2011, on: 2010/12/4 20:11

Quote:

-----Your thoughts?

wow.

that's not a sarcastic 'wow'.....or blithe, mocking. it's just 'wow'. Who knows? The elderly saint may be onto something.

(btw, they are playing "Praise Ye the Lord The Almighty" sung by the "Old Fashioned Revival Hour Quartet" on Family Radio)

i like what Greg said, Jesus could come tomorrow, maybe in the next hour. i also amen to what he said about dear Harold, who i found out about when i stumbled onto the website, "Really Bad Theology".....but i'm streaming Family Radio now, and it's kind of nice; they're playing old school hymns, and between hymns, reading whole chapters out of Proverbs. Maybe Harold is relaxing, enjoying his evening as i am, tucked away in the bunker i live in.

comforting, listening to these hymns and Bible readings, makes me think i'm back in the 1950's, and i like that. Especially "Family Radio's" theme music.

The Day of the Lord.

now that's something to ruminate on.

Re: - posted by JB1968 (), on: 2010/12/4 22:16

When I lived in Illinois, we listened to family radio all the time. They play good God honoring Christian music. Sad that Mr. Camping has ruined a lot of it with his predictions. We now listen to the Bible Broadcasting Network online since there isn't a station in our area. There are some others, but they have compromised with the world so much. No one knows the day or hour of His return. But we do have the assurance that He is coming back, we don't know when, and we must be ready.

Re: The Coming of the Lord - posted by Jeremy221, on: 2010/12/4 23:06

Regarding being prepared for the coming of the Lord, I have often wondered why this reality is not more provocative for action among the Lord's people and I think I may have the beginnings of a thought. It ties in with something I heard from a sermon by Art Katz dealing with keeping the Sabbath. He stated that for a long time he considered all days holy abiding in the rest that comes from walking in the Spirit so that it is the Father who does the work. However, in the middle of a ten day fast of the entire Ben Israel community the Lord brought a word through a brother of gentile decent about keeping a true Sabbath and really stopping. Stepping beyond a spiritual experience to a literal expression. It was a word in season and the community decided to adopt it. In a similar manner, I wonder what it will take to go from a zealous doctrinal stance to a clear vision of the verity of God coming in judgement.

Re: , on: 2010/12/5 7:02

Well... this pretty much guarantees that Jesus will NOT return on May 21, 2011.

I hope He returns on May 22... now wouldn't that be a kick in the pants! lol

Re: Detroit Free Press - Billboards say Jesus is Returning On May 21,2011 - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2010/12/5 10:14

This is so grievous!

I checked out the "Family Radio" website and on it in bold letters they say: "Judgement Day - May 21, 2011 - The Bible Guarantees it." Seems to me this is just giving the enemies of our LORD Jesus more opportunities to ridicule the WORD and by extension his people.

"Family Radio" have a long article posted on their website detailing why they are so certain that this is the day for the LORD's return. They are so convincing...reminds me when Edgar Whisenant insisted that Jesus will return in September of 1988. He was very convincing...seems to me that Family Radio is merely recycling Whisenant's theories, modifying it to reflect current times.

This is grievous....

ginnyrose

Re: Jeremy - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/12/5 10:16

I just listened to that same sermon like eight or nine times last week Jeremy.

Re: - posted by StarofGOD (), on: 2010/12/5 10:24

What is the name of that sermon?

Thanks in advance.

Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiss (), on: 2011/4/6 18:37

This past weekend, I actually saw one of these billboards in the San Francisco Bay Area. It didn't announce that Jesus was coming on the sign, but it did include the date and the website (that makes the claim).

It is amazing that people are citing a particular day -- when not even the Son knows that day or hour (Matthew 24:36).

But, like Greg said, today can be the "day" that people have their very own meeting with the Lord. After all, TODAY is the day of salvation. We aren't promised to live through the end of the day. In fact, many, many people will die today without having ever known the Lord.

As we drove by the sign, my wife pondered, "Do you think those people will become 'post-trib' after May 21, 2011?" I said that I was a bit more worried about the reproach that such loud proclamations can bring upon the Body of Christ and the true Gospel to the world when they make such bold claims.

We don't really need to know just WHEN our Lord will return. After all, as Greg pointed out, many people are dying without Christ each and every day. It shouldn't take a calculation of the end, an expected doomsday, earthquake or tsunami to get us to tell others about Christ. We should be just as diligent as these with bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to a world where people may meet their maker at any moment.

Re: - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2011/4/6 18:51

Two weeks ago in Newport Oregon, I saw a gentleman on the street corner holding up a sign making this same declaration...

Re: Detroit Free Press - Billboards say Jesus is Returning On May 21,2011 - posted by Oracio (), on: 2011/4/7 0:59

I have seen quite a few of these billboards in the Los Angeles area within the past year or so, sadly to say.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2011/4/11 8:54

Quote:
-----Two weeks ago in Newport Oregon, I saw a gentleman on the street corner holding up a sign making this same declaration...

You didn't have a chance to talk with him? Might have had an very interesting conversation....:-)

Re: - posted by PassingThru, on: 2011/4/11 9:20

It would be interesting to see if they would accept the challenge to write their property over to someone else on May 20th - since they 'believe' they won't be needing it anymore.

PassingThru

Re: , on: 2011/4/11 9:31

Twice, in Luke's Gospel, Jesus says "Go not after them", regarding those that are setting a time for His return. Do not even follow them.

Luke, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it.

Luke 17:23 And they shall say to you, See here; or, see there: go not after them, nor follow them.

Luke 21:8 And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.

Matt 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

And what is a false prophet, but a LIAR. And what will happen to all LIARS?

Luke 17:20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

Re: , on: 2011/4/11 17:56

Uh lets see here. Didn't I read somewhere in the New Testament that no one knows the day or hour. Guess I must have misread that. Funny thing I was living in Little Rock when Ed Whisenhunt said Jesus would return in 1988. I am still here. For that matter Mr. Whisenhunt was never raptured. Guess we better rethink our eschatology. Anybody got a copy of Hal Lindsey???? Chuckle.

Re: - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2011/4/11 21:50

Quote:
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Well said. Perhaps the billboards will serve a valuable purpose in reminding us that Jesus will indeed come again. I don't know when He will come again, I don't know the hour or the day, but I do know that there is no hour or day when He could not come.

For each one personally it will be very important whether the Lord Jesus is our Judge on that day or our Savior. We must not wait to accept Him, one day it will be too late.

The world needs strong and trusting Christians, especially in these dark days, we need vision to see the reality of God's plan and of Jesus' victory...

Where there is no vision, the people perish...
Proverbs 29:18

In Christ,

Ron

Re: , on: 2011/4/11 22:57

Truly beginning to wonder, who will stand by The Word of GOD?

2Th 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him

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2Th 2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

2Th 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

2Th 2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.