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 February 14th, 2007, 07:22 PM

#1 



**lostinHislove**

Citizen

Join Date: Oct 2006  
Location: Midwest

**Will anyone even know??**

I have a question that has been bothering me for a while and I was wondering if any of you have any insight for me 😊 I heard a minister talking about the rapture and he made an interestig comment. Because there are a few instances in the Bible that talk about there being an earthquake when someone is resurrected, he said that it is **possible** that there could be an earthquake at the rapture since the dead in Christ will rise first, and then the rest of us. So, in other words, because of the mass resurrection that will be taking place among the dead in Christ, **IF** things happen like they did in the past, the rapture could be accompanied by a massive earthquake. I am going to post the following scriptures before I continue with my question.

*50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.*

*51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;*

*52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,*

*53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.*

*54 Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.  
(Matthew 27:50-54)*

*2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.  
3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:  
4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.  
(Matthew 28:2-4)*

Now the passage in Matthew 27 confuses me just a little because on one hand it sounds like there was an earthquake and then the graves opened up. But then it says that many bodies of the saints appeared to many *after* the resurrection. Anyway, that may be beside the point. On to my question.

If there are massive earthquakes when the rapture occurs, there will be SO much chaos, death and destruction that no one will even KNOW that the rapture ever occurred. The fact that millions of Christians are missing won't even be recognized because millions of non Christians will be missing too....because of the earthquakes. In other words, no one is going to ask where we are, they will just assume we are buried under the rubble some where!! 😬

Now I know this is ALL speculation. We really have no way of knowing whether or not the rapture will be accompanied by an earthquake or any other disaster. However, for me, it put a whole new perspective on things. Because it is definitely a possibility based on what has happened in the past when saints were resurrected, I think it is a possibility now. I guess I always pictured a clearer rapture scene. Millions of people saying, "I was standing right in front of so and so talking to them and they disappeared right before my eyes!" You know, something that unbelievers that have heard Christians talking about the rapture all these years, but always dismissed it, would see as a huge "Oh my goodness!! Could they have been right after all??" I've always assumed it would be something happening where people definitely knew millions of Christians had disappeared and then one of two things would happen. 1. They would now believe or 2. They would believe all the strange explanations of aliens or whatever else that people would come up with for reasons why we've disappeared.

Now, I am wondering if it will even be that clear. If it isn't that clear, no one will even *have* to come up with an alternate explanation. If no one even knows that the rapture took place, it makes sense that repenting after the rapture will be even more difficult. People would have no reason to think that anything Spiritual even happened. In fact, why would they even recognize that they are in the end times if what the Christians have been saying would always happen, "never happened after all". I know that some believe that anyone exposed to the gospel before the rapture will not be able to repent after the rapture anyway. I have no idea if that is true or not--could be. I guess, I just feel that if no one knows the rapture happened, no wonder everyone will be so easily deceived. And the letters that some people have written to those left behind will not be real helpful either, if everyone thinks the rapture never took place. 😞 Now I am starting to depress myself!

Please don't get me wrong. This minister was NOT saying that this is definitely how it is going to happen. I also am NOT saying that this is how it is going to happen. It is just an interesting concept to me and I was wondering if anyone else has felt that it is possible that the rapture could happen and no one know. This post got a little long, but once my mind gets going...😞 I guess I am hoping someone can tell me "No, it can't happen that way because of such and such..." 😞 Because it sure seems to me like it would be more helpful to those left behind, if they definitely KNEW that something happened that made all the Christians disappear.

...Yet will I not forget thee. Behold I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands...  
Isaiah 49:15&16

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#2 



Waiting2go

Citizen

Join Date: Oct 2006  
Location: Arkansas

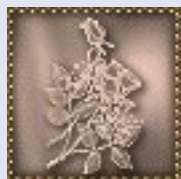
I have often wondered about a scenerio much like that myself. I've always hoped that everyone would know that it was the Rapture, but it may very well be something like what you stated and nobody realized what really happened.



*Praise the Lord*

February 14th, 2007, 07:54 PM

#3 



Fancirae

Citizen

Join Date: Aug 2005

Location: Tennessee

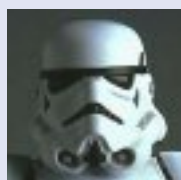
That is an interesting scenario. I keep thinking about how if it were possible even the very elect would be deceived. It is not possible for the elect to be deceived simply cause we won't be here. So, absolutely everyone who is left here will be deceived for a while anyway. Could be that some come to the truth only after the debris is cleared and they realize that all the Christians are gone. Granted in the scenario that you laid out, others would be dead and missing in a series of gigantic earthquakes. Maybe only after the dust clears and the dead are being tallied will some people start putting it together.



People Get Ready, Jesus is Coming, Soon We'll Be Going Home!!!

February 14th, 2007, 09:25 PM

#4



stormtrooper

Citizen

Join Date: Aug 2005

Location: ...in a galaxy far, far away.

I think the OP's scenario is very plausible.

Also, part of me wonders if there will even be enough of us missing to cause mass alarm in the first place.

February 14th, 2007, 09:38 PM


#5 

**lblvnjc**

Join Date: Sep 2006

Citizen

Quote:

Originally Posted by **stormtrooper** 

*Also, part of me wonders if there will even be enough of us missing to cause mass alarm in the first place.*



February 14th, 2007, 10:07 PM

#6 



**SetApart**

Join Date: Aug 2006

Location: here

Citizen

very interesting to consider..  
makes sense in a lot of ways.....

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God isn't looking for followers...He is looking for LEADERS

February 14th, 2007, 10:54 PM

#7 

**fcs25**

Join Date: Feb 2007

Location: little rock,ark

Citizen

interesting thought

February 14th, 2007, 11:09 PM


#8 



Diane

Citizen

Join Date: Feb 2006  
Location: Pontotoc, Ms.

But I wonder if G-d would want the world to know that millions of people were missing? This way the ones who really knew what happened would see they were not saved and turn more to G-d to be saved and tell others. This is just a guess. 

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Diane

in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye.....

February 15th, 2007, 12:49 AM

#9 



Literalist-Luke

Citizen

Join Date: Feb 2007  
Location: Dallas-Fort Worth

**There was no earthquake mentioned at the resurrections of Lazarus in John 11-12 or the Shunammite's Son in 2 Kings 4. The earthquakes in conjunction with the events mentioned in this thread would seem more likely to be connected with the completion of God's sacrifice of His Son for our sins and His Son's subsequent rising, rather than being connected with a resurrection simply because it was a resurrection. Did your pastor mention the earth being plunged into darkness or the veil of the temple being ripped in two as possible signs accompanying the Rapture? They were also associated with these events...**

February 15th, 2007, 04:41 AM

#10 



## Just A Clay Pot

Citizen

Join Date: Aug 2006

Location: Louisiana

Exd 11:10 And Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh: and the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go out of his land.

Another scenario to consider is that the rapture takes place, the people that remain know it for what it is, and yet choose (have their hearts hardened) so as to not be concerned by it. After reading many people's opinions of us Christians, I think the most commonly found opinion would be, "Good, they're gone...and good riddance!"

Then back they go to the eating, drinking, marrying, etc....

February 15th, 2007, 09:52 AM

#11 




## lostinHislove


Citizen

Join Date: Oct 2006

Location: Midwest

Quote:

Originally Posted by **Literalist-Luke**   
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I thought of Lazarus too. This actually wasn't **MY** pastor, but another minister that I heard. I did wonder if these earthquakes maybe had more to do with Jesus sacrifice than with a resurrection.... I hope so!! 

...Yet will I not forget thee. Behold I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands...  
Isaiah 49:15&16

February 15th, 2007, 02:59 PM

#12



**Maria**

Citizen

Join Date: Apr 2004  
Location: Orlando, FL

It surely will be an earth-shaking event!!! 😊

February 15th, 2007, 03:29 PM

#13



**KingdomCome**

Citizen

Join Date: Feb 2007  
Location: Midwest

Remember when the planes hit the WTC? All of those people posting signs that there relatives/loved ones were missing? It's very possible it could occur during some sort of disaster but it would have to be world wide to really make that possible like a meteor hitting the earth or the suspicion that some new type of weapon was used. Of course aliens could be blamed as well but this would be one of those 'way out there' ideas. :D

February 15th, 2007, 03:51 PM

#14



**Icolem**

Citizen

Join Date: May 2006  
Location: Fort Riley, KS

This is a possible scenario but I think the Lord wouldn't allow the rapture to take place without it coming to light. I personally feel that an earthquake won't accompany the rapture because earthquakes come later when God's wrath is poured out on the Earth. I strongly feel that the Lord is going to want people to know what happen. The people who that get left behind who were professing Christians and not born again will have an idea as to what happened especially those who had family members pleading with them. And of course there will be those people who will be glad that we're gone and others who just don't have a clue and will quickly be deceived. I believe either way the rapture will come up in people's conversations.

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"I'm Too Blessed to be Stressed"

"Keep looking up"



February 15th, 2007, 03:58 PM

#15 




twelvesmaster

Lost without IE

Join Date: Nov 2002

Location: Miami Nation Territory

Quote:

Originally Posted by **stormtrooper**   
*I think the OP's scenario is very plausible.*

*Also, part of me wonders if there will even be enough of us missing to cause mass alarm in the first place.*

Me too.

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As the deer pants  
for the water brooks,  
So pants my soul  
for You, O God.  
Psalm 42:1

Andrea

Thanks Teri!

44.5 pounds on January 31, 2007 – Thank you Lord!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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February 15th, 2007, 04:16 PM

#16 



CanuckMedic

Defibrillator

Join Date: Aug 2006  
Location: Canada eh?

Sorry guys but I don't think this scenario is that plausible. The size of an earthquake needed over *the entire globe* to cover the disappearance of millions would be...world ending. There would be no Gog/Magog or Mark of the beast because no one would have the strength or ability to fight or even shop. Every shopping mall in the world would be dust.

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. Revelation 21: 3-4

February 15th, 2007, 07:40 PM

#17 



Icolem

Citizen

Join Date: May 2006  
Location: Fort Riley, KS

Quote:

Originally Posted by **CanuckMedic** 

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I agree 

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"I'm Too Blessed to be Stressed"

"Keep looking up"



 February 16th, 2007, 12:13 AM

#18 

Sister-N-Christ

Join Date: Jan 2007  
Location: Kentuckiana

Citizen

It's an interesting thought, but I try not to surmise about things that aren't clearly spelled out in the Bible. We just can't know. I mean, twenty years ago, who would have thought that some of the Bible prophecy would play out the way that it has been? I know I've been surprised at some things but at the same time gone, "aha!"

I tend to really HOPE that those left behind KNOW that people just disappeared and it isn't blamed on a disaster. I want those who are still lost, but have heard the Truth to realize what has happened so they will be saved.

February 20th, 2007, 01:41 PM


#19 

## Myth Buster

Join Date: May 2006  
Location: Pennsylvania

Citizen

Quote:

Originally Posted by **Literalist-Luke** 

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Those weren't resurrections, they were resussitations. Those dead men weren't transformed when they came back to life, and they eventually died again. Physiologically, this is no different from a cardiac arrest victim being revived by a defibrillator.

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#20 

## bazza

Join Date: Feb 2005  
Location: PERTH, AUSTRALLIA

Citizen

Author David Lowe believes the earthquake scenerio is exactly the explanation in his two books, Earthquake Resurrection and His Voice shook the earth. Here are a couple of interesting links to his thoughts: *\*links removed by admin\**

Barry

**\*admin\***

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#21 




lostinHislove

Citizen

Join Date: Oct 2006  
Location: Midwest

Quote:

Originally Posted by **bazza** 

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*Barry*

Oh my goodness. Those articles certainly are interesting! I wasn't able to read them in great depth, but I was able to take in most of each article. I am only confused about one thing though. Is David Lowe suggesting that the rapture will not take place before the tribulation? Or did I misunderstand him?

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[...Yet will I not forget thee. Behold I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands...  
Isaiah 49:15&16](#)

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#22 

**bazza**

Join Date: Feb 2005  
Location: PERTH, AUSTRALLIA

Citizen

David, in his first book suggests that the four horsemen are events that have been happening through history, and that the pangs get closer and closer, until the trumpet is blown and the tribulation begins. The way he puts it in his book make a lot of sense, and it is still a pre-trib viewpoint. I suggest you go to his site \*[link removed by admin](#)\*

bazza

**\*Admin\***

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#23 




**lostinHislove**

Join Date: Oct 2006  
Location: Midwest


Citizen

Quote:

Originally Posted by **bazza** 

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*bazza*

Thanks! I'll check that site out! 

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...Yet will I not forget thee. Behold I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands...  
Isaiah 49: 15&16

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#24



Literalist-Luke

Citizen

Join Date: Feb 2007  
Location: Dallas-Fort Worth

Quote:

Originally Posted by **Myth Buster**

*Those weren't resurrections, they were resussitations. Those dead men weren't transformed when they came back to life, and they eventually died again. Physiologically, this is no different from a cardiac arrest victim being revived by a defibrillator.*

That's very true, but my point still stands:

We have no credible evidence to assume that the Rapture will be accompanied by an earthquake.



*"When the plain sense of Scripture makes common sense, seek no other*



*sense."*

February 20th, 2007, 10:10 PM

#25




FrankDH

Citizen

Join Date: Oct 2001  
Location: Illinois

Quote:

Originally Posted by **bazza** 

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bazza

The 4 horsemen aren't released until the trib begins. How can they be something throughout history?

Frank



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