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When Does Jesus Appoint the Slave “Over All His Belongings”?

Jesus said that the “master *on arriving*” (literally, “having come”) will appoint the slave “over all his belongings.” When does the Master, Jesus, arrive?

The expression translated “on arriving” is a form of the Greek word *er'kho-mai*. Verses 42 and 44 of chapter 24 translate a form of *er'kho-mai* as “coming.” In those verses, Jesus is referring to his coming as Judge during the great tribulation.—[Matthew 24:30; 25:31, 32](#).

Jesus' appointment of the “slave” over his “belongings,” then, must also be a future event. He will make that appointment during the great tribulation.

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The “Slave” 19 Centuries Later w04/3/1 A “Slave” Who Is Both Faithful and Discreet

18 Yes, when the Master arrived, he found his faithful slave conscientiously feeding the domestics as well as preaching the good news. Greater responsibilities now awaited that slave. Jesus said: “**Truly I say to you, He will appoint him over all his belongings.**” ([Matthew 24:47](#)) **Jesus did this in 1919, after the slave had passed through a period of testing.** Why, though, did “the faithful and discreet slave” receive greater responsibilities? Because the Master had received an increase in his belongings. Jesus was given the kingship in 1914.]

What Are Jesus’ “Belongings”?

Jesus said: “All authority has been given me in heaven and on the earth.” ([Matthew 28:18](#)) Jesus’ “belongings” thus include more than just his earthly interests. They include the Messianic Kingdom.—[Philippians 2:9-11](#).

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“Tell me,” he asked, “how can I have confidence in anything? How can I believe in the Bible, in God, or have faith? Just ten years ago we Catholics had the absolute truth, we put all our faith in this. Now the pope and our priests are telling us this is not the way to believe any more, but we are to believe ‘new things.’ How do I know the ‘new things’ will be the truth in five years?” What are some of these changes that disturb people?

Note from Facing The Facts: The Watchtower printed this article some years ago to make a point that religions which change their teachings, having claimed that they received “new light” or an “adjustment in their understanding,” must not be directed by God. They must not be getting their understanding from God or His Word. So, how is the Watchtower organization any different? Jehovah’s Witnesses followers accept the

changes of their leaders as “truth” no matter how they may conflict with Scripture in its context and harmony throughout the Bible. One can be sure of this—truth never changes and those who claim to have truth and continue to change their teachings never had truth at all. Jesus said, *Be on the watch for the false prophets that come to YOU in sheep’s covering, but inside they are ravenous wolves. 16 By their fruits [their sayings or teachings] YOU will recognize them* (Matt 7:15-16). The reason that the Watchtower organization cannot claim to be the “Slave” is that there is only ONE appointment or event and it takes place at Christ’s coming AFTER the great tribulation.