

Jesus is Coming Again

Many know about Jesus coming into the _____ in the first century. Did you know that Jesus is coming _____? We're going to explore what the _____ says about the second coming. God gives us the _____ that we need to the most serious questions about our souls, our future, and our need for salvation. He's given us His Word to help us understand His will and to _____ for the coming Judgment Day. The Lord Jesus said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every _____ that proceeds out of the mouth of God'" (Matthew 4:4). If our lives and eternity _____ on knowing God's Word, then we must study diligently.

Jesus promised, "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a _____ for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come _____ and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14:1-3). The Lord Jesus has gone to the Father to prepare a place for His disciples, but what's going to _____ to those who don't know the Lord? Will He judge us? When is Jesus coming again?

Many _____ ideas surround the second coming of Christ, but the Word of God can help us find what will actually will happen. It's crucially important for us to know and to believe the _____ about the second coming and what will happen to us. We don't want anyone to rely on a _____ hope. We don't want anyone to imagine they're saved only to _____ the Lord say, "I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness" (Matthew 7:23).

Our reading today comes from 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

The Lord coming for us, and taking us home with Him, is going to be a great _____.

Peter said, "Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the _____ of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.' For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for _____, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. But do not let this one _____ escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to _____ but for all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up" (2 Peter 3:3-10). We can surely _____ Jesus Christ will one day return to this earth and will judge us all.

Some _____ that Jesus will come again. They live as secular people never thinking about their _____ or that they must give an account to God for their ways. Some deny that God _____. Some are mocking even _____ and questioning whether Jesus will ever come again. But when He arrives, no one will be scoffing. People mocked Jesus when He was on the cross, and people sneered at

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the idea that Jesus arose from the dead. But when the stone was rolled back and the grave clothes were lying by themselves, people marveled!

Whatever Jesus predicted always proved _____. He predicted the destruction of Jerusalem in Matthew 24; and in 70 AD Titus and the Roman army destroyed Jerusalem, fulfilling the prophecy to the last _____. Jesus also predicted the end _____ in Matthew 24:35-36, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My _____ will not pass away. But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone." Jesus said He did not know when He would return—in fact, no one knows but the _____. Some people _____ they know, but Jesus said no one knows!

That's what Peter and Paul mean when they say that the day of the Lord will come like a _____ in the night (2 Peter 3:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:2). If Jesus, Peter and Paul said no one knows when it will happen we _____ those who think they do know. In every generation since the first century some have imagined they had _____ out the day and the hour when Jesus would return. I remember years ago getting a book through the mail, "88 Reasons Why Jesus Is Coming in 1988." Those 88 reasons proved to be speculation!

I have another book in my library by a self-proclaimed prophet who said the end of the kingdoms of the world will take place in 1914. He had an elaborate scheme, but his prediction proved _____. Jesus didn't return in 1914. No one knows when Jesus will come again; but we do know that when he comes everyone will _____ about it. The apostle John said in 96 AD, "Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every _____ will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen" (Revelation 1:7). When Jesus comes again, you'll know it!

This passage in Revelation was written more than 60 years after the crucifixion of Jesus, but the soldiers who pierced him would see Him coming in the clouds. Likely those soldiers were already dead. John said even those who are in the _____ will rise from the dead to see Jesus at His return! Not only will people see Jesus when He comes again, they'll hear about it. Paul, "the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17).

When He comes, the dead in Christ will rise first; but they won't be the _____ ones to rise on that day. The Lord Jesus said, "Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which _____ who are in the tombs will hear His voice, and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, and those who committed evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment" (John 5:28-29). When Jesus comes again _____ from all time and all places will rise again!

Jesus said this resurrection of both the good and bad will happen in the same hour, when all will _____ His voice. Once the resurrection takes place then we'll rise to meet the Lord in the air (as Paul said in 1 Thessalonians 4:17), and the faithful will be with Him always. Once men leave this earth "the present heavens and earth are being reserved for _____" (2 Peter 3:7). Those who set their _____ on this life or this world need to know that this is not where they're going to spend eternity. The day that Jesus comes again we'll be taken from this earth to _____ before the throne of Christ. We'll stand before His throne to be _____ on that day.

Paul said, "For we must all _____ before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad" (2

Corinthians 5:10). The Lord Jesus will judge each of us according to our _____: how we lived, how we talked, how we treated other people, and how we were thinking. The Lord will _____ His servants but will _____ those who did not live according to His will. The Bible teaches clearly that _____ of us will stand on his own before the Lord. No one will _____ judgment. This is why it is so important for each one to consider _____ he or she is living before the Lord.

John describes the _____ before the throne of God, “Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the _____, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds” (Revelation 20:11-12). The throne is white, because Jesus is righteous and will judge us righteously and fairly. He knows our hearts and He knows our lives.

He will judge us from the things _____ in the books. Of course, those books refer to things that are written in the _____ itself. Yes, there’s another book, the book of life, but the things that are His _____ are what’s going to judge us in the last day. There is a _____ court than the ones here on earth. There is an eternal court, which at the end of time will be in session to judge all people of all places of all time. That court of the Lord Jesus is the _____ court which will settle your destiny forever. There is no _____. If you’re found guilty, there is only one sentence. That sentence leads to the lake of fire. Those who enter that place will never leave. That’s the worst thing, the worst thing, the worst thing, that can ever happen to anyone. We must not ignore the warnings found in scripture.

Your eternal destiny and my eternal destiny will be determined by whether we have _____ the Lord or have rejected Him. Jesus said, “He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the _____ I spoke is what will judge him at the last day” (John 12:48). Many people treat the Lord’s _____ as if it were not important, as if it were trivial or optional. Jesus first came to us as a Savior; but when Jesus comes again He will come as a _____. We need His _____; otherwise we’ll receive personally the wages of sin, which is death (Romans 6:23)

Jesus Christ Himself said, “But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious _____. And all the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left” (Matthew 25:31-33). Not everyone will be saved; many will be _____. Many people think surely the Lord is too good to condemn anyone, but the truth is that the Lord is too good not to condemn those who live evil lives and will not _____ of their sins. Jesus said about those who would not _____ others in need, “These [that is, the goats on his left] will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life” (Matthew 25:46). When people lead selfish, immoral lifestyles and are not willing to _____ their ways, God with great sadness, leaves them to the way they have chosen. God doesn’t want to _____ anybody. Peter said, “The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to _____ but for all to come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9). God wants you to be saved, but you have to _____ for yourself.

God has done everything He could to _____ us to salvation and to eternal life. He sent Jesus to show us what _____ living is. Jesus died for our sins on the cross to demonstrate God’s _____ for us and to cleanse us from all, all unrighteousness. The Holy Spirit inspired the apostles and prophets to give us the Bible to teach us _____ to live and how to please God. Jesus purchased the _____ with His own blood so that we might have the strength of brothers and sisters in Christ. God

can do all these things, but He won't twist your arm, He won't _____ you repent. You have to do that for yourself. You have to decide you're going to leave sin, and you're going to do what is right.

When a person lives in sin, he or she will _____ the second coming of Jesus Christ; but when a person is right with the Lord, the second coming is the wonderful appearing of someone that we love and serve. Do you look forward to _____ Jesus come in the clouds? Peter said, "beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless" (2 Peter 3:14).

Yes, you have to _____ whether you want to be among the sheep or among the goats. You decide whether you'll _____ the Lord or reject the words of Jesus. You'll decide whether you love God or love your sins. You'll decide whether you'll be part of His _____, the church, or you'll run with the world. There is no neutral ground, there's no third group. You can't _____ two masters; friendship with the world is hostility with God (James 4:4). The grace of God is amazing, but there is no Biblical _____ of salvation to those who will not repent of sin and those that will not obey the gospel. This is why I am praying that you prepare yourself for the second coming of Jesus Christ.

When He comes again, face the Lord _____. The apostle Peter said, "But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will _____ away with a roar with the elements and it will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people _____ you to be in holy conduct and godliness?" (2 Peter 3:10-11). If we're to be judged by the Word of God, doesn't it make sense for us to _____ the will of the Lord and please Him?

Are you close to God? Are you reading your Bible? Are you worshiping at church regularly? When was the last time you prayed to God? How do you treat your neighbor? Do you forgive others or do you take revenge? Are you right with God?

Obey the gospel by believing Jesus is the Christ, repent of every sin and decide to do God's will in everything, confess the name of Jesus before others, and be baptized (that is, immersed in water) in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. That was God's answer to what we must do to be saved on the day of Pentecost according to Acts 2:38, it's God's answer today. When you're baptized, the Lord will add you to His family, the church; and you'll become an heir of heaven if you remain faithful to the Lord. I hope you won't wait another day, but that you'll obey the Lord. Don't risk losing your soul.