03 Pathway to Paradise Bible Studies on Lesson Three



Key Text: John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: you **believe** in **God**, believe also in me.

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Question 01: Will Jesus really come back to earth again and take us through the stars to Heaven?

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Matthew 6:9 After this manner therefore you should pray: Our **Father** who is in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Revelation 22:12 And, behold, I come **quickly**; and my **reward** *is* with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Note: Jesus has a wonderful reward better than can even be imagined for every boy and girl who loves Jesus (1 Corinthians 2:9). He has a mansion, better than any palace on earth, prepared for everyone who is preparing for the Second Coming of Christ. God our Father lives in Heaven where Jesus will take us at His Second Coming.

Question 02: How will Jesus come back the Second Time?

Answer 02: Acts 1:9 And when he (Jesus) had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a **cloud** received him **out** of their **sight**.

Acts 1:10 And while they **looked** steadfastly toward **heaven** as he went up, behold, two men (angels) stood by them in white clothing;

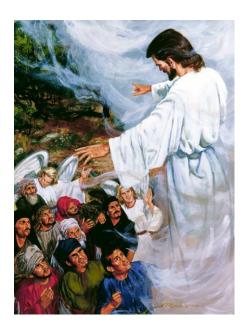
Acts 1:11 Which also said, You men of Galilee, why are you standing looking up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen him go into heaven.

Matthew 25:31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels

with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

Note: Jesus had a real body that could be touched and felt when He was resurrected from the tomb and ascended to heaven (Luke 24:39; Matthew 28:9). He ate real food after He was resurrected (Luke 24:42, 43). Mary recognized Jesus by the way He called her name on the day He rose from the grave (John 20:16). Cleopas and his friend recognized Jesus





by the way He broke bread in their house later on the same day (Luke 24:30, 31). So Jesus will come back in the same way that He left with a real body. He went up in a cloud He will come back in a cloud ((Acts 1:9; Luke 21:27). He will come back with all the holy angels in heaven which will be more than can be numbered (Matthew 25:31; Hebrews 12:22). When He comes back the second time His Father will also come with Him to greet all the waiting and admiring boys and girls all over the world (Matthew 16:27).

Question 03: Will we be able to see Jesus when He comes or will He come secretly?

Answer 03: Matthew 24:26 Therefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; do not go there: behold, he is in the **secret** chambers; **believe** it **not**. **Matthew 24:27** For as the bright **light** comes out of

the east, and shines even unto the west; so shall also the **coming** of the **Son** of man **be**.

Revelation 1:7 Behold, he **comes** with **clouds**; and every **eye** shall **see** him, and they *also* which pierced him: and all cultures of the earth shall cry because of him. Even so, Amen.

- **1 Thessalonians 4:16** For the **Lord** himself shall **descend** from **heaven** with a **shout**, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
- **1 Thessalonians 4:17** Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught **up** together with them in the **clouds**, to **meet** the **Lord** in the **air**: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
- **2 Peter 3:10** But the **day** of the **Lord** will come as a **thief** in the **night**; in the which the **heavens** shall **pass** away with a great **noise**, and the **elements** shall **melt** with fervent **heat**, the earth also and the **works** that are in it shall be **burned** up.
- **1 Thessalonians 5:4** But ye, brethren, are **not** in darkness, that that day should overtake **you** as a **thief**.

Note: When Jesus comes back He said it would be like a bright shining light coming from the East and shining right over to the West. The bright shining light or astrape in the original Greek which was the first language the New Testament was written in is referring most likely to the sun. Jesus very own countenance is as bright as the sun (Revelation 1:12). The millions of angels that come with Jesus are also very bright. They are as bright as lightning (Matthew 28:1-6). Can you imagine millions of angels all as bright as lightning coming in the heaven? The Father is also as bright as the sun

(Revelation 21:23). Jesus said that He, the Father and all the holy angels in their full glory and brightness would come from the East and pass over to the West (Matthew 24:27). The sun can easily be seen but the coming of Jesus will be much brighter and easier to see. In fact every eye will see him (Revelation 1:7). This is a literal and real coming just the same as His ascension to heaven was real and literal after His resurrection (Acts 1:8-11). Jesus warned that His coming would not be in secret so if you don't literally see His coming do not believe He is already somewhere or that





He just came invisibly into our hearts (Matthew 24:26). Paul says that you will also clearly hear the shout and trumpet sound at the coming of Jesus (1 Thessalonians 4:16). Those that have died in Christ will be resurrected on the last day of this earth at the Second Coming of Jesus (1Thessalonians 4:16; John 6:39, 40, 44, 54). So every boy and girl who is there at the Second Coming will not miss the amazing resurrection of the righteous. At this time the ground will cast out its dead at the voice of Jesus calling them (John 5:25-29; Isaiah 26:19). There will even be some of the worst of the wicked who crucified Jesus resurrected to see His

coming (Revelation 1:7; Hebrews 6:4-6). Jesus will not come as a thief to those who are waiting and ready for Him (1 Thessalonians 5:1-7). In contrast even the wicked will not miss the Second Coming. At this amazing event the elements will melt with fire and heat and the wicked will call to the rocks and mountains to fall on them and hide them from the bright shining face of Jesus the Lamb as He comes in all His glory (2 Peter 3:10; Psalm 50:4; Revelation 6:15-17). There will be a very great earthquake at the Second Coming of Jesus and every city will be destroyed, every island will disappear and every mountain will be moved out of its place (Revelation 6:14-17; 16:18-21). So we will not only hear and see the Second Coming of Jesus but we will feel it too. There will be great hail falling from heaven to add to the great commotion of events that even a blind and deaf person could not escape noticing (Revelation 16:21). It will be absolutely impossible to miss the Second Coming of Jesus with all these noisy, bright and incredible events happening all at once. But there is no need for any boy or girl to be afraid of this time because the Lord will send His angels to protect and look after you (Psalm 34:7). All the wicked will be destroyed at the Second Coming and the earth will be utterly emptied of all inhabitants (2 Thessalonians 2:8; Isaiah 24:1-3). The good boys and girls and all those that love Jesus will go to heaven at the Second Coming (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18, John 14:1-3; Revelation 20:1-6). They will be very happy to see Jesus coming in the clouds to gather them up with Him on the cloud to take them to be with Him forever (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18; Matthew 24:31; Mark 13:27; Isaiah 25:9).

Question 04: Who will be with Jesus when He comes?

Answer 04: Matthew 25:31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

Matthew 24:31 And he shall **send** his **angels** with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall **gather** together his **elect** from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

- **2 Thessalonians 1:7** And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord **Jesus** shall be **revealed** from heaven with his mighty **angels**,
- **1 Thessalonians 4:16** For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the **dead** in **Christ** shall **rise** first:
- 1 Thessalonians 4:17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Note: All the Holy angels will come with Jesus along with God the Father (Matthew 16:27). There will be no one left in heaven when Jesus comes. There will be complete silence in the heavenly city for half an hour





when they all come together to take every boy and girl who loves Jesus back to that beautiful place (Revelation 8:1). Half an hour in prophetic symbolic time is seven literal days. We will spend seven days exploring the majestic and incredible universe with Jesus. It will be so much fun to be with Jesus (Psalm 16:11).

Question 05: Will everyone go to heaven when Jesus comes?

Answer 05: Isaiah 11:4 ... and with the breath of his lips shall he kill the wicked.

Revelation 6:16 And said to the **mountains** and rocks, **Fall** on **us**, and **hide** us from the **face** of him that sits on the throne, and from the wroth of the **Lamb**:

Revelation 6:17 For the great **day** of his **wroth** is **come**; and who shall be able to stand?

Revelation 22:11 He that is **unjust**, let him be unjust **still**: and **he** who is **filthy**, let him be filthy **still**: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

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Note: Only those that love Jesus and are ready for Him will Jesus take with Him to heaven. All the wicked will be destroyed at Second Coming of Jesus.

Question 06: What are some signs that show that Jesus is coming very soon?

Answer 06: Matthew 24:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the **sign** of thy **coming**, and of the **end** of the **world**?

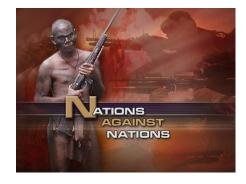
Matthew 24:11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

Matthew 24:6 And you shall hear of **wars** and rumours of wars: see that you be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

Matthew 24:7 For **nation** shall rise **against** nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in different places.

Daniel 12:4 But you, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end: many shall run **to** and **fro**, and knowledge shall be increased.

- 2 Timothy 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.
- **2 Timothy 3:2** For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, **proud**, blasphemers, **disobedient** to **parents**, unthankful, unholy,
- **2 Timothy 3:3** Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, **uncontrollable**, fierce, despisers of those that are good,
- **2 Timothy 3:4** Traitors, quick to fall into the wrong path, having too high an opinion of themselves, **lovers** of **pleasures** more than lovers of God:
- **2 Timothy 3:5** Having a **form** of **godliness**, but denying the power of it: from such turn away.





Matthew 24:12 And because sin shall abound, the love of many shall grow cold.

Romans 1:30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Note: Jesus gave lots of signs that pointed to the nearness of His Second Coming. We will notice just a few of them. He warned about false Christs and False prophets (Matthew 24:24). He warned about not letting any man deceive you implying that many people even those going to church could be deceived if they don't carefully check the Bible after praying for the Holy Spirit to guide them (Matthew 24:4, 5; John 16:13).

Jesus said there would be wars and rumours of more wars to come (Matthew 24:6, 7). He said that people would become very bad even though they may go to church and may be very religious having a form of godliness (2 Timothy 3:1-5). Many that went to even God's own churches which were called synagogues in the time when Jesus was on earth the first time were very religious but they still did a very bad thing in killing Jesus (Acts 4:1-23; 7:51-60). They followed traditions and commandments of men instead of the Ten Commandments of God and God's Holy Word, the Bible (Matthew 15:1-9). Boys and girls today need to be very careful to follow exactly what the Bible says no matter who says differently. Even if someone is a church leader who may be respected we still need to follow what the Bible says and not what men may say if it is different to the Bible (Acts 5:29). That is what Jesus did and He is our great example (1 Peter 2:21).

But the most exciting sign that Jesus will come back soon is that the gospel is being preached in more and more places every year. Missionaries are going to new places that have never heard about God. The Satellite TV, World radio and Internet are reaching places where even missionaries cannot go because it is illegal. In some countries if you are caught talking about Jesus and the Bible you will be killed. Even boys and girls are now preaching the message of Jesus love in many places (Matthew 24:14).

Question 07: How can I be ready for Jesus' soon coming?

Answer 07: Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the **door**, and **knock**: if any man **hear** my **voice**, and **open** the **door**, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

John 1:12 But as many as **received** him, to them gave he **power** to become the **sons** of **God**, even to them that **believe** on his **name**:

Note: Every time we read a message from the Bible or from someone preaching the true message from the Bible it is Jesus knocking at our hearts door through the Holy Spirit. That is how Jesus comes into our heart (Ephesians 3:14-19). It is very important to open our hearts to Him straight away and follow what He says. Jesus loves us so much because He





died for us (John 15:13). If we do not answer to the knock of Jesus through His Word it becomes easier and easier to ignore that beautiful opportunity to spend time with Him. Then eventually the distractions and pleasures that Satan tempts us with every day will make us so busy we hear that knock less and less until we won't hear it any more at all. Jesus warned that if that happens you will not be ready when He comes (Luke 21:34-36). But it is so easy to open our hearts to Him and it is like having a delicious meal with your best friends or with your loving family (Matthew 26:26-28). It will bring peace and joy to your heart even in

the middle of trouble, war or heart breaking circumstances that may be so depressing (Philippians 4:7; Mark 4:35-41). Jesus is such a wonderful friend to every boy and girl that I want to follow Him right now how about you (Jeremiah 31:3; Matthew 19:14; Luke 18:15-17)?

Question 08: Do you want to be ready to meet Jesus as your Friend when He comes again very soon?



Jesus Loves you and is calling you now!