

Jesus Speaks of His Second Coming

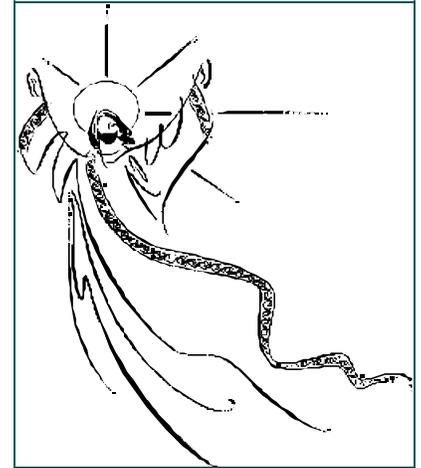
Luke 21:25-36; Matthew 25:31-46

When has Christ promised to come again?
Where are we told what it will be like?
What should we do while we're waiting?
Let's find the answers in our lesson today.

Prayer - TLH #446 v. 1, 5

Rise, my soul, to watch and pray, from thy sleep awaken;
Be not by the evil day unawares o'ertaken.
For the Foe, well we know, oft his harvest reapeth
While the Christian sleepeth

But while watching, also pray to the Lord unceasing.
He will free thee, be thy Stay, Strength and Faith increasing.
O Lord, bless in distress and let nothing swerve me
From the will to serve Thee. Amen.



Jesus will say, "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

The Story - Luke 21:25-36 & Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus spoke to His disciples on the Tuesday before His death. He said, (Luke 21:25-36) "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; {26} men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. {27} Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. {28} Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

{29} Then He spoke to them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. {30}"When they are already budding,

you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. {31}"So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. {32} Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. {33} Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. {34} But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. {35} For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. {36} Watch therefore, and pray always, that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand



before the Son of Man."

Jesus again spoke to His disciples that Tuesday evening. He was seated with them at the Mount of Olives before He went to Bethany.

(Matthew 25:31-46) "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. {32} All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. {33} And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. {34} Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: {35} for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; {36} I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' {37} Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty

and give You drink? {38} When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? {39} Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' {40} And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' {41} Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: {42} for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; {43} I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' {44} Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' {45} Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' {46} And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Outer Aim - Jesus tells us about the signs of His second coming to judge the earth.

What the Story Tells Us - Answer the following questions using the verses in () for help.

1. What are some of the signs listed in Luke 21 that will be given before Judgment Day?
 - a. (25a) signs in _____
 - b. (25b) distress _____
 - c. (25b) the sea _____
 - d. (26a) men's _____
 - e. (26b) powers of _____
2. How will the Son of Man come? (27)
3. What should we Christians do while waiting? (36)

4. According to Matthew 25:31 on what will the Son of Man sit?
5. What will He do when all are gathered before Him? (32)
6. Who will be on His right hand? (34)
7. Who will be on His left hand? (41)
8. According to verse 46...
 - a. ...where will the cursed go?
 - b. ...where will the righteous go?



Your Turn - Look up the Bible passage to fill in the blanks.

1 Thessalonians 4:16 - For the Lord Himself will _____ from _____ with a _____, with the _____ of an _____, and with the _____ of God. And the _____ in Christ will rise _____.

Use the SECRET CODE below to find the passage.

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Luke 21:36a

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Inner Aim - The Holy Bible tells us to watch for signs of Judgment Day and to be prepared.

What God's Word Tells Us - Fill in the chart below using the text from Luke 21:29-31.

| What was the parable Jesus told? | What was its meaning? |
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Passages

Job 19:25-27 - For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth; and after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God, Whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

2 Corinthians 5:10 - For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Hymn & Prayer - TLH #611 v. 1, 2, 5, 6

1) The day is surely drawing near
When God's Son, the Anointed,
Shall with great majesty appear
As Judge of all appointed.
All mirth and laughter then shall cease
When flames on flames will still increase,
As Scripture truly teacheth.

2) A trumpet loud shall then resound
And all the earth be shaken.
Then all who in their graves are found
Shall from their sleep awaken;
But all that live shall in that hour
By the Almighty's boundless pow'r
Be changed at His commanding.

5) O Jesus, who my debt didst pay
And for my sin wast smitten,
Within the Book of Life, oh, may
My name be also written!
I will not doubt; I trust in Thee,
From Satan Thou hast made me free
And from all condemnation.

6) Therefore my Intercessor be
And for Thy blood and merit
Declare my name from judgment free
With all who life inherit,
That I may see Thee face to face
With all Thy saints in that blest place
Which Thou for us hast purchased.
Amen.