

COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS - *Kahu Billy Mitchell December 10, 2023*

- I. Today, too many are looking for signs. And for people, even to the coming of the anti-christ but not enough about the coming again of Jesus the Christ! In a Christian culture we have had Jesus locked in a manger at the Inn far too long! He's not at the Inn. He's not in the manger. He's not on the cross. He's not in the tomb! He has risen from sins of man on the earth and sits at the right hand of the throne of God.
- II. For some of our people, you may have good reasons to be apprehensive of the coming again of Jesus! For many reasons . . . older and younger people . . . your birthday parties.
- III. But whether we are prepared or not, Jesus is coming again as he promised and nothing can or will stop that from occurring! Get ourselves ready!
- IV. The alternative for the church to not being sure and ready for the coming of the Jesus the Christ will be pure hell. The recent signs . . .

The Rapture and The Second Coming . . . 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 NIV ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Jesus says in . . . Revelation 22:12-13 NIV ¹² "Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus by Charles Wesley: Come, Thou long expected Jesus born to set Thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart. Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

THERE ARE THREE THINGS THAT ARE NOT GOING TO OCCUR AT JESUS' NEXT COMING:

1. Jesus Is Not Coming Back To Where There Is No Room At The Inn **John 14:1-3 NLT** ¹ "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. ² There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? ³ When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.

These Words: **Joy To The World The Lord Is Come, Let Earth Receive Her King. Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room . . . And Heaven And Nature Sing!**"

2. Jesus Is Not Coming Back As A Poor, Innocent, Helpless Baby In A Manger Of Hay **Revelation 1:7 ESV**
Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

3. Jesus Is Not Coming Back To Take More Abuse At The Hands Of Sinful Man . . .
Revelation 19:11-16 ESV ¹¹ Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. ¹³ He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. ¹⁵ From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

Prepare !!! 1 Thessalonians 4:1,9-12 NIV ¹ As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more.
⁹ Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. ¹⁰ And in fact, you do love all of God's family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more, ¹¹ and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, ¹² so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

In Conclusion: Revelation 22:17, 20-21 NIV ¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let the one who hears say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life. ²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.