

# What if Jesus does not come?

Subject: Promise of His Coming  
 Objective: To show that the promise of His coming is fact not fiction.  
 Main Text: John 14:1-3

## ATTENTION

### ILLUSTRATION

A father and his nine year old daughter were bathing in the ocean. The father and the daughter were separated by a very strong tide that pushed his daughter further out at sea. He knew he could not bring his daughter to safety all by himself with the tide being so strong. His only hope for saving her was to get help quickly. He called out to his daughter, "Float and swim quietly, don't become excited. **I'll be back to get you.**"

By the time the father got a boat, the little girl has been swept far out at sea by a strong tide. It took a long time for the men in the boat to locate her. When they found her she was calmly floating and swimming around as her father had instructed. Later the news paper reporters swarmed around the little girl asking how she had been able to remain so calm and to keep up so far out at sea all alone.

"My daddy told me that he would come back. I knew he would come back, so I wasn't afraid. I did what he told me to do," she replied.

What saved the girl? Confidence in her father's promise!

### APPLICATION

Like this father, there is another Father I know that keeps His promises.

- He said He would be born in a manger and He was born in a manger!
- He said He would die and He did die!
- He said He would live again and He is alive!
- He said He will come again and He will come again. (John 14:1-3)

## NEED

- I. The promise of His coming is good news for all who have died and will die in Christ. (John 5:25, 28-29)
- II. This promise gives us hope for the future. (1 Corinthians 15:19)

- III. Abraham died with the promise of His coming. (Hebrews 11:8, 1 ngg0)
- IV. Job died with the promise of His coming. (Job 19:25)
- V. Paul was murdered but died with the promise of His coming.  
(2 Timothy 4:6-8)

## **SATISFACTION**

- I. In spite of this promise and the Biblical doctrine of the second coming, there are many people who are skeptical. (2 Peter 3:3,4)
- II. Let us suppose that a decree should suddenly go forth in heaven that Jesus was not to return.

### **What would happen?**

- 1. We will have to discard the Bible.
  - 2. There will be no life beyond the grave.
  - 3. Life would be worthless and the world would go into a state of chaos.
  - 4. We will have to close down all churches because we are headed for oblivion.
- III. What do you prefer-Jesus comes or He does not come?
  - IV. For the doctrine of the second coming to be aborted, we would have to stop God's mighty prophetic clock.
    - a. If Babylon ruled the world then He must come.
    - b. If Medo Persia ruled the world then He must come.
    - c. If Greece ruled the world then He must come.
    - d. If Rome ruled the world the He must come.
  - V. No one can stop the prophetic clock. (Daniel 2:44)
  - VI. Christ cannot decide not to come. If He died and lives, He must return.  
(Hebrews 9:28)

### **Reasons Why Jesus must come back:**

- 1. He promised He will.
- 2. He took saints to heaven when He arose. (Can't take some and don't come back to get the rest of the saints)
- 3. He has kept all His promises to date.
- 4. The head of the serpent must be crushed. (Genesis 3:15)
- 5. Sin must be destroyed because it results in death and death brings about separation.

*O Lord Jesus! How long! How long!  
Shall we shout the glad song*

*Christ returneth, hallelujah, Hallelujah AMEN  
Hallelujah! AMEN!!*

## **VISUALIZATION**

When He is ready how will He come?

1. His coming will be visible. It will not be an inward invisible experience. (Revelation 1:7)
  2. His coming will be audible. It will be made known by sound and sight. (Matthew 24:30, 31)
  3. His coming will be glorious. He will be riding on a white cloud with a golden crown. (Revelation 14:14)
  4. His coming will be personal. He will be flesh and blood, not some spirit entity. (Acts 1:11)
  5. His coming will be sudden and unexpected. (1 Thessalonians 5:2, 3)
- I. Will Jesus come tomorrow? NO!
  - II. Will Jesus come next week? MAYBE!
  - III. Can He come next year? SURE!
  - IV. When He comes some people will be ready. (Isaiah 25:9)
  - V. When He comes plenty people will not be ready. (Matthew 25:6-13)

**PUNCH:** This is not time to play around. This is time to get on board!

## **APPEAL**

## **ILLUSTRATION**

A 16 year old athlete decided to run from his home one early morning to catch the train. When he got to the train station the train was just pulling out. He fumed and was utterly disappointed. An old man sitting near by said to him, "You didn't run fast enough!"

The young athlete replied, "No sir, I ran fast enough! I just did not run soon enough."

## **APPLICATION**

1. Do not wait until it is too late to get on board. Early birds catch the best worms. Repent now and avoid the rush at dooms day!
2. You cannot repair the past and you cannot change the present but you can make the best of the future.
3. The choice is yours. But whether you choose Him or not, Jesus is coming again!

- a. Nations are angry by this do we know - Jesus is coming again!
- b. Knowledge in creases men run to and fro - Jesus is coming again!
- c. Coming in glory the lamb that was slain – Jesus is coming again!

## **APPEAL**

- I. He is coming soon do you want to get ready?
- II. If you have to get ready, when will you do it now or tomorrow?
- III. Will you do what it takes so that you can be ready?