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JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

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WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE REAL JESUS CHRIST – PART 4

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, SON OF MAN, SAVIOR OF ALL MANKIND*

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WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE REAL JESUS CHRIST IS...

**...Is That the Real Jesus Christ of the Bible
Is Honest, Practical and Trustworthy.**

This Mini-Series Began with a Question(s)

(1) About The Destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and **(2)** What Indications would there be and **(3)** When would the end of the world be as it's recorded for us in Matthew Chapter 24

Matthew 24:3-5

Now as Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" :4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. :5 For many will come in My name, saying, "I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

**Jesus Gave Warning and Instruction about Prophetic, Future
Events that would begin with the Temple's Destruction
And going all the way Out to His Second Coming to Back to Earth.**

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE REAL JESUS CHRIST IS...

That He Speaks the Truth Because He is Truth.

1.) He expects you to know what time it is v.5-9 (6)

That was Part 1 When He told them the truth when He said...

21:6 “These things which you see - the days will come in which not *one* stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down.”

2.) He expects you to discern the signs v.10-19 (10)

That was Part 2 When He told them the truth when He said...

21:10 “**Nation** will rise against nation, and **kingdom** against kingdom. **:11** And there will be **great earthquakes** in various places, and **famines** and **pestilences**; and there will be **fearful sights** and **great signs** in the heavens.

3.) He expects you to be looking ahead v.20-28 (26)

That was In Part 3 When He told them the truth when He said...

21:26 men’s hearts **failing them from fear** and **the expectation of those things** which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. **:27** Then **they** will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

And Now In Part 4 He will tell them the truth when He says...

: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.”

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE REAL JESUS CHRIST

4.) He expects you to be ready right now v.29-38

: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.” :37 And in the daytime He was teaching in the temple, but at night He went out and stayed on the mountain called Olivet. :38 Then early in the morning all the people came to Him in the temple to hear Him.

HE EXPECTS YOU TO BE READY RIGHT NOW

4a.) Because being ready causes us to walk in the truth v.29-31

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Jesus is Giving Instruction – Illumination, Education

3 John 4

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children **walk in truth**.

Walking in the Truth

Is where the Christian is to be living and functioning thru this world - - in the light of God's revelation to man.

Matthew 5:14

“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Jack 1:1

You are human flashlights in this world, a real Christian cannot be disguised.

Philippians 2:14-16a

Do all things without complaining and arguing, :15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without blame in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you **shine as lights** in the world, :16 holding fast the word of life,

Walking in the Light is Walking in the Truth

Isaiah 2:5b

...Come and let us **walk In the light** of the LORD.

1 John 1:6-7

If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. :7 But if we **walk in the light** as He is **in the light**, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Verse 30-31

: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.

**Walking in the Light - - Walking in the Truth
Will Prevent You From Being Deceived or Tricked or Fooled.**

Concerning the “Fig Tree” and All Trees Parable...

Jeremiah 24:5 & Hosea 9:10 & Matthew 21

‘Israel is likened unto a Fig Tree.

The issue is this; we can tell or “recognize” by the changing of the seasons that the year is nearing its end. In the same manner, the Christian is one who can tell or “recognize” by the global events that we are nearing the end and the soon return of Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-5

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. :2 For you yourselves know perfectly **that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.** (for whom?) :3 For when **they** say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon **them**, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And **they** shall not escape. :4 **But you**, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. :5 You are all **sons of light and sons of the day.** We are not of the night nor of the darkness.

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4b.) Because being ready causes us to be disciplined v.32-35

By “disciplined” I mean, getting into spiritual shape!

Not all of us work-out physically and our bodies will in time suffer for it.
But on the spiritual level, the Christian is one who “works-out” spiritually.

We Must “Apply” Ourselves to What We Believe.

Applied Belief is Faith and Faith is What We Believe *in Action*.

Verse 32-33

:32 Assuredly, I say to you, **this generation** (*the Jewish people & all those that see these things*) 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.

Here, Jesus Says “**My words will be no means pass away...**”
Because the words of Jesus Christ are the Word of God.

“Assuredly, I say to you...”

Jesus Christ never once said, “Thus Saith the Lord”. **Because Jesus was The Lord**. That’s why He said, “**I say to you**”

John 1:1,14

In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with God, and the **Word** was God... :14 And the **Word** became flesh and lived among us,

Here’s a “Current Event” Test – A CNN, FOX News Reality Check.

“**This generation**”

genea, **genea**, *ghen-eh-ah*’; an age or period of time or a race of people or nation. I.e. **The State of Israel isn’t Going Anywhere!**

The Christian is Concerned about being “Disciplined”
in the things of God and eternity...

Philippians 2:12-13

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed — not only in my presence, but now much more that I am absence - continue to **work out your own salvation** with fear and trembling, :13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

Verse 34-35

: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.

to be “weighed down” here means

The word-picture here is a man that has tied himself to a sinking ship. Can you imagine knowing in advance that the Titanic is going to sink, and you get on-board anyway? - - who would do something so stupid?

stop for a moment

and ask yourself, is there anything in your life that is pushing God out?

Mark 4:19

there will be those, who, “the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

2 Timothy 2:3-4

You therefore must **endure hardship** as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. **:4** No one engaged in warfare entangles himself in the affairs of this life,

**Going off to war with your golf clubs
or surfboard or video games is a good way to get killed...**

2 Corinthians 13:5 NLT (amplified)

Examine (assay, acid wash, prove) yourselves to see if your faith is actually genuine. **Test** yourselves. If you cannot tell that Jesus Christ is active in your life, it means you have failed the test.

Verse 34b

...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.

Notice With Me an Important Clue Here;

“**All those** who dwell on the face of the whole earth.”
*This is a very specific description of those who are the lost, the condemned
That will be living during the time of the great tribulation period that is to come.*

Isaiah 26:20-21

Come, my people, enter your chambers, And shut your doors behind you; Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, Until the indignation is past. :21 For behold, the LORD comes out of His place To ***punish the inhabitants of the earth*** for their iniquity;

Revelation 13:14

And the Anti-Christ shall deceive those ***who dwell on the face of the earth*** by those signs which he was granted to do...

Revelation 17:8b

And ***those who dwell on the face of the earth*** will marvel, all those whose names ***are not*** written in the Book of Life

In Contrast – We Don't Belong Here!

Philippians 3:20

For our ***citizenship*** is in heaven, from which we also ***eagerly wait*** for the Savior, the Lord - Jesus Christ,

HE EXPECTS YOU TO BE READY RIGHT NOW

4c.) Because being ready causes us to be watchful v.36-38

Church - Mark This Well and You Will Be Spared A lot of Confusion.

These Next Few Verses are a **“General or Universal”** Command to Believers Throughout all Ages.

Verse 36

: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.”

Many have worried about this exhortation saying, only some Christians will be raptured while those who are not ready will be left behind - - why worry about it?

No Need to Worry - - Just Do It!

Be **Watching**, Be **Praying** and So **Miss**
the Terrors of the Great Tribulation to Come.

Your **Watchfulness** & **Prayerfulness** will
Cause You to be **Ready**

“That You will **escape** all these things that will come to pass,
and to **stand before** the Son of Man.”

Verse 36

that you may be counted **worthy** to **escape**

It Is Vital That We Understand “**How**” we are Declared “**Worthy**?”

Philippians 3:9

We must...”be found **in Him**, not having my own righteousness,
which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through **faith in Christ**,
the righteousness which is from **God by faith**;

2 Timothy 2:1

You therefore, my son, be strong **in** the grace that is **in** Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 1:13

Hold fast the pattern of sound doctrine which you have heard from me,
in faith and **love** which are **in** Christ Jesus.

Colossians 1:28

Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we
may present every man **perfect in** Christ Jesus.

@ The moment of our “**repentance**” from sin and our “**turning**” toward
Christ; Salvation was “**deposited**” to our account, @ that, we were
“**placed**” in Christ

Our **Worthiness** is Found in His Worthiness.
Our **Righteousness** is Found in His Righteousness.
Our **Salvation** is Found in His Salvation.

Jude 24

Now to **Him who is able** to keep you from stumbling, And to present *you* faultless
Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

I'm afraid that our Christian-Culture Is not "Watchful"
(*far too many pastors are not teaching their churches to be **watchful, discerning**
and **alert** to the attacks against our faith & freedom*)

Revelation 3:1-2

"And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, "These things says He who has the
seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: 'I know your works, that you have a name
that you are alive, but you are dead. (*How did they die?*) :2 Be (*being*) watchful, and
strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die,

Note the dangers that attack our readiness

The cares of this life / bitterness / apathy / idleness / prayerlessness /

Matthew 26:41

Watch and **pray**, lest you enter into temptation.
The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak."

I need (you need) around us, fellow Christians
that keep us awake, watching and waiting.

I want Christians in my life that remind me that Jesus could come
at any moment. I want believers in my life that are ready to meet
Jesus today!

Luke 12:45-46

For, suppose a servant says to himself, 'My Lord is taking a long time in coming back,'
and so he then begins to beat his servants and to a glutton and drink and get drunk.
:46 The Lord of that servant will come on a day when he does not looking for him and
at an hour when he is not watching. He will cut him to pieces and assigned to the place
with the unbelievers.

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| 1. | Be in fellowship with one another often. | (friends) |
| 2. | Start producing fruit among others. | (wwjd) |
| 3. | Contribute to the building up of the church. | (support) |
| 4. | Reach out to the world in need around you. | (welfare) |
| 5. | Make the act of worship a priority. | (love Him in action) |
| 6. | Read your Bible every day. | (with ears) |
| 7. | Pray all the time, all day, fall asleep praying. | (pray) |
| 8. | Present yourself to the Lord for service. | (involvement) |
| 9. | Witness to others what God has done for you. | (open your mouth) |
| 10. | Discover what your gifting is for the church | (grow up) |

“THE MOMENT FOR YOU TO DECIDE IS NOW”

Titus 2:11-13

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, :**12** teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, :**13** looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

End of Study