

Never has the world faced so many overwhelming problems that seem to have no solution. The news media reveal a host of difficulties that man is incapable of solving. The World has tried in vain to resolve their differences through the UN. Many of the major world problems have not been solved or settled. The moral decay of mankind is apparent wherever one looks. The confusion and perplexity in solving these social problems can be seen on every side. Many are asking, "Where can we find a permanent solution to these problems?" Your Bible holds the answer. Christ foretold the event that will resolve all of the problems of mankind. There is no other solution!

In the closing days of His ministry on this earth, 2000 years ago Jesus talked about the day when He would be taken and crucified. The disciples of Christ would not allow themselves to believe that such a fate could ever happen to their beloved Leader. Christ knew that they would need an abiding hope in the days to come. He gave them that wonderful promise we find recorded in **John 14:1-3**, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." The fulfilment of this promise, and the coming of our Lord the second time to this earth, is man's only hope in his search to solve the problems of humanity. Let's see what the Word of God teaches concerning this wonderful event.

1. What does Paul call the Second Coming of Christ? Titus 2:13 -

2. What certain promise did Christ give concerning His return? John 14:1-3

3. When people talk about the Second Coming of our Lord being secret, what should we do? **Matthew 24:23-26** -

4. To what did Jesus compare the glory of His coming? Matthew 24:27 -

What did Christ say "all the tribes of the earth" would do at His coming?
Matthew 24:30 -

6. According to the book of Revelation, how many will be able to see Christ return? **Revelation 1:7** -

7. What did the angels say concerning the return of Christ? Acts 1:9-11 "This _______ which is taken up from you into heaven shall so ______ as ye have seen him go into heaven."

8. What is the purpose of His return to this earth? Matthew 25:31 -

9. Who will accompany our Lord at His coming? Matthew 25:31 -

10. What will the angels do to assist Christ at this time? Matthew 24:30-31 -

11. What will happen to the "dead in Christ" at the Second Coming?

1 Thessalonians 4:16 - _____

12. What will happen to the righteous who are alive at this time?

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 - _____

13. How are the righteous changed by the coming of Christ? **1 Corinthians 15:51-53** -

"For this corruptible must put on ______, And this mortal must put on ______," Our bodies are changed to be like Christ's. Also Compare **Philippians 3:20-21**.

14. What effect will this event have on the wicked? Revelation 6:14-17 -

15. Who will Christ appear to, as Deliverer and Saviour, when He comes the second time? **Hebrews 9:28** -

During the dark hours of World War II many Americans imprisoned by the Japanese in their capture of the Philippine Islands maintained their sanity and desire to live by holding onto a promise. That promise had been made by General Douglas MacArthur when he was forced to leave them behind. He said as he left the islands, "I shall return." Many who knew of this promise continued to repeat it and looked forward to the day when the American army, under the leadership of General MacArthur,

would return to liberate them from the starvation, imprisonment, and difficulties that they suffered. They never gave up hope, for they trusted in the ability of the United States to fulfil that hope. What a wonderful day it was, when American soldiers and paratroops delivered them from those prisoner-of-war camps.



Their hopes were realised on that day...

Soon our Lord will return, for He has promised to "come again."

When He comes, He will forever put down sin, suffering, and sorrow. Gone will be the world's many insoluble problems. The day of happiness and peace will have arrived! Don't you want to be ready to meet Him and to be changed by Him on that day?

Why not plan to be ready for that happy event? It will help you to express your personal desires by answering the following questions.

I want to be ready to meet Jesus when He comes. Please remember me in prayer.

