

## What Manner of Man Is This? - 02/2/20

### Why Jesus Left The Earth

**TEXT – John 14:1-4** *Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 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. 3 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. 4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.*

#### INTRO-

#### I. Jesus Left The Earth To Prepare Us A Place In Heaven

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##### A. Heaven is a prepared place for prepared people

It is a real place.

**2 Co 5:8** *We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.*

##### B. Heaven is a precious place

Jesus is the one preparing it

It has streets of gold, gates of pearl, and a great white throne that's surrounded by a rainbow that looks like an emerald. And on the throne sits the Lamb of God and the throne is surrounded by twenty-four thrones with twenty-four elders dressed in white robes with golden crowns on their heads. And in front of the throne there is a sea of glass, like crystal. And there's a river, the water of life that flows from the throne of God and through the streets of heaven and on each side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit.

And heaven is a big place, plenty of room for everybody. It's 1500 miles long, 1500 miles wide, and 1500 miles high with a wall around it built of jasper with its foundation adorned with 12 different precious jewels.

And then John tells us what's NOT in heaven. No more pain, no more tears, no more suffering, no more death and no more sin.

**1 Co 2:9** *But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.*

##### C. Heaven is a populated place

**John 14:6** *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

Every day the population grows.

- We have loved ones that have gone before us.
- The twenty-four elders will be there
- Jesus will be there

**Rev 20:12-15** *And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*

##### D. Heaven is a permanent place

Eternal life

Everlasting life

Once you get to heaven, there is no more dying. We will live there forever and ever and ever, never to be separated from God and never to be separated from our loved ones in heaven. Heaven is a permanent place that has been prepared for the believer.

#### II. Jesus Left The Earth To Become An Intercessor For Us

We have someone who understands our troubles and will intercede for us to the Father.

**1 Ti 2:5** *For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;*

**Heb 8:6** *But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.*

**Heb 9:15** *And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.*

**1 Jn 2:1** *My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:*

**John 16:7** *Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.*

**1 Jn 1:9** *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

**John 16:7-8** *Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. 8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:*

### **III. Jesus Left The Earth To Prepare the Marriage Supper Of The Lamb**

**Rev 19:9** *And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.*

#### **Food is mentioned in the bible often**

**The Passover meal**

**Manna in the wilderness**

**Quail in the wilderness**

**Feeding of the 5000**

**The last supper**

**The Lord's supper**

**Jesus cooking fish on the banks of Galilee**

### **IV. Jesus Left The Earth So That He Could Return To Earth As The King Of Kings**

**Rev 19:16** *And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.*

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