

What Is Jesus Up To? or, What Will Jesus Do?

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Into: *The study of Christ's life gives an excellent view of what Jesus did during His brief life on earth.*

- A. We see various aspects of His mission as He :
 - 1. Fought false religion
 - 2. Healed the sick, cast out demons
 - 3. Preached the gospel of the kingdom
 - 4. Prepared His disciples to be apostles
 - 5. Taught about His impending sacrifice for sins of man
- B. He also taught that He would come again.
 - 1. The doctrine of a second coming, or advent, is clearly taught in such passages as:
 - a. **Acts 1:11; 2 Thess 4:13-17; Rev 22:20**
- C. However, what many are confused about is what Jesus will do when He returns. They ask: **WWJD?**
 - 1. What WILL Jesus Do?
 - 2. Some think He'll stand on the earth and establish a kingdom in Jerusalem complete with a temple and re-established sacrifices.
 - 3. Some think He'll somehow rejuvenate the earth and make it a happy, harmonious place
 - 4. What exactly will Jesus be up to when He returns?

I. What Jesus Will NOT Do Upon His Return:

- A. He'll not offer Himself again in sacrifice.
 - 1. His sacrifice was so complete, it was one time for all time.
 - a. **Rom 6:8-10; Heb 7:26-27; Heb 9:26-28**
 - 2. Why then would people continue to sacrifice Him by accepting Him, then turning away? - **Heb 6:4-6**
- B. He'll not restore any type of fleshly kingdom or land claims to Israel
 - 1. He's already made Israel a kingdom - **Josh 21:43-45**
 - 2. God warned them that if they disobeyed, they'd lose it
 - a. **Deut 30:15-20**
 - 3. They did - **Jer 2:1-3**
 - 4. We know the story. Because they rebelled again & again, God allowed them to be taken into captivity. Though He allowed them to return, they still corrupted His Law and ultimately rejected Jesus as Messiah. For this, their place was taken away for good.
 - a. **Luke 19:43-44**
 - b. Israel is NO LONGER God's chosen!
 - 5. In fact, Jesus will not set up *any* kingdom when He returns.
 - a. He's already done that and it has existed continuously since the 1st Pentecost after His resurrection. *He already has a people!*
 - b. It is *spiritual Israel* which is His chosen people. - **Rom 9:6-8; Rom 2:28-29**

- C. So, He'll not extend a second chance to unbelievers
 - 1. **Heb 9:28**
 - 2. He's already come for salvation and expects you to capitalize on it NOW.
 - a. **2 Cor 6:1-2**
- D. His return will be real, His judgment will be everlasting!

II. What Jesus WILL Do Upon His Return:

- A. He will call the dead to life
 - 1. **1 Thess 4:16; John 5:28-29**
- B. He will judge the living and the dead
 - 1. **Matt 25:31-33; 2 Cor 5:10**
 - 2. It will be devastating for those who do not obey
 - a. **2 Thess 1:6-10**
 - 3. It will be a reward for those who do obey
 - a. **2 Tim 4:7-8**
- C. He will initiate a change - **1 Cor 15:50-55; Phil 3:20-21**
- D. Then, He'll hand the kingdom over to God
 - 1. **1 Cor 15:23-26**
- E. The Bible spells out a very orderly process by which the consummation of the ages will occur.

III. What Jesus IS Doing Now:

- A. Just because He's no longer on earth or that He's coming back later doesn't mean He has nothing to do!
- B. He is reigning now as King of Kings
 - 1. **Acts 1:9-10 / Dan 7:13-14**
 - 2. Because He has a kingdom, He rules over His subjects
 - a. **1 Pet 3:15; Col 1:13**
 - 3. King Jesus raises His subjects to reign with Him!
 - a. **Eph 2:4-6**
- C. He is interceding for His people
 - 1. **Heb 4:14-16; 7:25; 1 John 2:1**
 - 2. He is the perfect mediator between man and God because He's both!
- D. He is administering ALL authority
 - 1. **Matt 28:18-20; Eph 1:18-23**
 - 2. Mohammed doesn't have it, Buddha doesn't have it, Pope doesn't have it – ONLY Jesus!

Conc: *Realizing the veracity of Jesus' imminent return, is there a response it should evoke in us?*

- A. YES – **2 Pet 3:10-14**
- B. Holy expectations call for holy living. Examine yourselves in light of the truths we've discussed.
- C. Are you ready? **INV**