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Bible Talks

Each fortnight on
Sunday evenings

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26 MAY (7pm)

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The Bible says Jesus will return to earth

Jesus is in heaven with God (Hebrews 12:2). The Bible says numerous times that Jesus will come back to Earth. Lots of details are provided. Here are some and we encourage you to read your Bible to find out more!

Where will Jesus return to?
The Mount of Olives - Zechariah 14:4, Acts 1:10-12

How will he come back?
Jesus will come:

- ◆ in glory and power (Matthew 16:27, Matthew 24:30,
- ◆ unexpectedly (2 Peter 3:10)
- ◆ as a judge (2 Timothy 4:1, Acts 17:31, 2 Thessalonians 1:5-8)

Why will he come?

Jesus will come:

- ◆ to grant relief (2 Thessalonians 1:7)
- ◆ to raise believers from the dead (1 Thessalonians 4:16)
- ◆ to judge between righteous and wicked (Matthew 25:31-33, 2 Corinthians 5:10)
- ◆ to set up a kingdom (Daniel 2:44-45)
- ◆ to reign (Revelation 20:6, 1 Corinthians 15:24-25)

Note: Jesus will later hand over the rulership to God

When will he come?

We do not know the date or time. (Matthew 25:13)
In fact, Jesus said that only God knew. (Mark 13:32)

God has decided a day that we don't know. (Acts 17:31)

Will there be any warning signs?

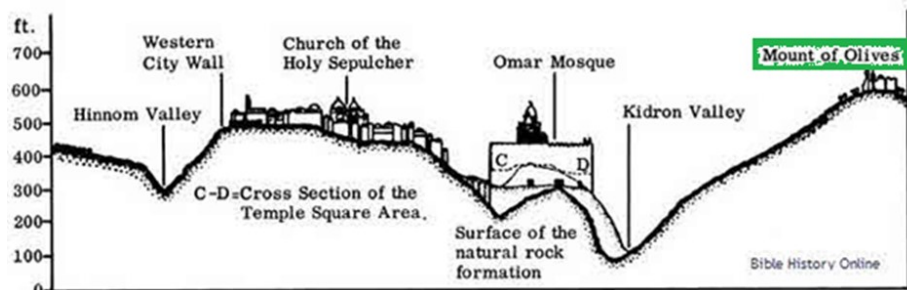
Yes. Two examples are:

- ◆ the state of the world (2 Timothy 3:1-5)
- ◆ changes for Israel (Luke 21:24-28)

Jesus is coming and will judge us! We don't know when so we need to be ready and waiting!

Getting Ready:

- Read God's Bible
- Believe in Jesus
- Repent
- Confess
- Baptism
- Live a new life



Bible Truth: Who is God?

Jesus said in John 17:3 that knowing God (and Jesus whom he sent) is the key to obtaining eternal life. So it's important that we investigate who he is.

The Bible reveals God to us as well as telling us how he wants us to live our lives. So what does it say about him?

God created the world (Genesis 1, Job 38-41).

He is immortal and lives in heaven (1 Timothy 6:16, Matthew 6:9).

God has angels that do His work (Hebrews 1:13-14).

He tells people about Himself and His plans through His book, the Bible.

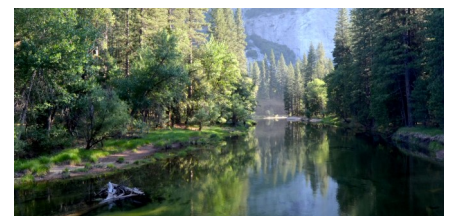
He tells us we can know about

him from the wonders he has made.

These facts are not all we learn about him. His character is described in detail in the Bible. It says in Exodus 34 that God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness (v6). God is also fair and just and does not overlook sin (v7). However, He also offers forgiveness to all people who change their lives to seek Him (Ezekiel 18:21-23)

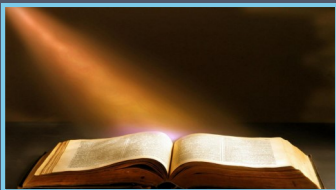
God has demonstrated his perfect character to people through the ages. God rescued His people, Israel, from

being slaves in Egypt. He provided food and water and protection against their enemies. When they made idols and rejected the leader God had chosen, God punished them. However, when they turned to Him, God forgave them and protected them once again. God offers us the same compassion, love and protection if we choose to follow Him (Psalm 103:8-19).





The Christadelphians are a world-wide lay community who believe in the Bible as the word of God. We believe in one God and his son, Jesus, and believe that God has a plan with this earth. It is God's, and our, desire that you learn about Him and become part of that plan.



Bible Tip for Life: Work Hard!

The Bible gives many practical suggestions that can help your life now. One such advice is to work hard. Paul went around the world preaching about Jesus and God's plan with the earth but stressed that he continued to work so that he did not burden other people with feeding him.

In Thessalonians 3:10 he says that if anybody wants to eat, they need to work. It is important that, if capable, everyone actively works to provide food for themselves and their families.

In the law of Moses (Leviticus 19:9), God put in place a law that told the Israelites to not harvest the entirety of their grain or grapes. This was so that poor people and foreigners could work too by harvesting the remaining food to feed themselves.

It is important not to just

work, though, but also to work to the best of our ability. In Proverbs 18:9 we are told that being lazy at work is like being someone who destroys things. Solomon urged people to do everything with all their might because there is no work in the grave (Ecclesiastes 9:10). We only have the chance while we living so we should do our best.

The Bible also teaches us to act as if we were working for Jesus or God. If they were our bosses, would we act any differently? In many of his letters Paul urges servants to obey their masters, and to do everything 'heartily', as if they were serving Jesus, not just to look good to their master (Colossians 3:22 - 23). He also stressed to the Christians in his day that they needed to have the same attitude toward their boss if they were Christian and not

rely on their shared faith to be slack at work (I Timothy 6:2). We need to keep these things in mind with how we act towards our bosses and ensure that we do what our bosses ask us to do as well as we can.

And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.
(Colossians 3:23 - 24)

Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.
(Proverbs 6:5 - 8)



Puzzle: Acrostic

Find the acrostic. The first letter of each answer forms the name of one of the great Jewish feasts.

That which we are to do without ceasing (I Thessalonians 5:17).

The man God knew would command his household after him (Genesis 18:19).

A bird God notices as it falls to the ground (Matthew 10:29).

A church mentioned in Revelation (Revelation 3:1).

The number of times Christ offered up himself for sin (Hebrews 7:27).

Jesus calls himself "the true ____" (John 15:1).

A man who kissed his brother who had wronged him (Genesis 33:4).

The last book in the New Testament.

Puzzles taken from https://www.jesus-is-savior.com/Believer's%20Corner/bible_challenge.htm (Accessed: 5/5/19)

Last Issue's Answers (in order): Tree of Life (Genesis 2:9), eternal life (John 6:67 - 69), forever and ever (Exodus 15:18), high priest (Hebrews 9:11 - 12), Have faith in God (Mark 11:21 - 24).

Upcoming Events: Bible Talks

Talks will be held 7:00pm on Sunday evenings at the Mt Waverley Christadelphian Hall , 354-358 Waverley Rd, Mount Waverley

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What must I believe to be saved?

9 June 2019

Holy Spirit gifts not available today

23 June 2019

The truth about Antichrist