What Might Jesus Say?

Regarding his Coming, His People & Our Mission

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Following is a monologue that Jesus could have with any of us. It is rather presumptuous & to some possibly offensive because it may disturb one's Scriptural worldview. I have painstakingly ¹embedded Scripture & pertinent links throughout to lend credence to the thoughts expressed. I fully realize that the blinding light of tradition may be so intense that it may cause spiritual blindness to the degree that they may not be capable of "seeing" these things. None of us purposefully acquiesce to anything untruthful but we all have paradigms littered with unscriptural presuppositions. However, my prayer is for our minds—as New Covenant creatures in Christ, that we always yield to the Word as our the final arbiter of truth, allowing It to constantly modify our beliefs while giving us the freedom to disregard errant doctrine. Please know that from the deepest cavern in my heart, I offer these things being full cognizant that without God's grace & mercy we would be eternally separated from the triune God of the universe. I thank Jesus for the Spirit's illumination daily.

What would happen if Jesus came to us collectively & said the following?

"Why do you doubt my Word regarding my coming? Why is there so much confusion? I told you I would come. I told My disciples & followers as I looked down upon the temple from the Mount of Olives almost 2,000 years ago, that some of them wouldn't die until they saw Me coming in My Kingdom. Do you believe that? Do you trust Me? I told you many times in My Word that I would come guickly. Does "Quickly" mean two thousand years to you?

The Jewish people I came to save missed the nature of my <u>first coming</u> as I proclaimed the <u>good news</u> of the Kingdom that was <u>at hand</u>. And they treated Me in the same manner as the prophets that were sent before me—<u>brutally murdering me</u> and <u>many of My devout followers</u>. The people <u>who were once called my people</u>, expected something quite different from what I was offering. They wanted physical deliverance. They wanted <u>political</u> vindication. They wanted an <u>earthly king</u>. They wanted everything but <u>what they needed</u>. They were <u>wicked</u> beyond measure but yet they believed that their <u>religiosity</u> & <u>outward piety would save them</u>. What I came to offer was so much greater than anything they could have imagined. I offered them <u>life with Me</u> for <u>eternity</u> that would begin immediately. And I never withheld <u>the truth</u> about them & <u>the manner</u> in which I would seek <u>retribution</u> from them for <u>rejecting</u> me.

I told them to get their <u>wickedness</u> out of the Temple. They hated me because I <u>exposed</u> them for what they were. They displayed <u>all the trappings of godliness</u> but yet <u>their hearts</u> were as stone cold. So I told them that I would <u>obliterate their temple</u> & that <u>not even one stone</u> of it would be <u>left standing</u>. My disciples asked, "<u>When</u> will this be?" <u>Within a generation</u>, I replied. So I <u>came on the clouds of heaven</u> & empowered the <u>Roman General Titus</u> & a multinational force to surround the great city of Jerusalem & lay <u>siege</u> to it. I did just as I said I would and then I <u>cut</u> those days of <u>vengeance short</u> because if I had let the violence continue even those that I told to <u>flee to the mountains</u>, <u>my elect remnant</u>, <u>would have perished</u>.

They wanted me to <u>come down</u> and set up an <u>earthly Kingdom</u> but what I offered was a <u>Kingdom that shall never be destroyed</u>. I offered them <u>permanent healing</u>. I offered to put <u>My spirit in their hearts</u> & no longer would they have to confine their worship to buildings made by human hands, for true worship is in the <u>heart</u>. You are now the <u>temple of my Spirit</u>. Everything is as <u>available</u> to you now & even more so than it was when I walked the earth <u>as a man</u>. But you wait for me to accomplish that which has already been done. I hear all this talk about the <u>antichrist</u>, <u>the beast & 666</u>. Do you <u>revel in evil</u>? Don't you know that I <u>defeated</u>

the enemy & no longer do I allow that serpent to torment my people? Yet you act as though he has great supernatural powers. Do you believe that he acts autonomously apart from Me? Do you not realize that satan is one of my creations & from the beginning he has only been able to do what I have allowed. You act as though satan is a challenge to my Kingdom. I do with him what serves my eternal purposes & you no longer serve the basic principles of this world through the regulations of the law. There's no reason to fear him as your accuser because you have been set free from the law of sin & death.

Do you think that it is only through the influence of <u>devils & demons</u> that cause you to do <u>immoral acts</u>? Do you not comprehend the <u>wickedness</u> that resides in your own heart? Do you know that even your <u>good works</u> are but <u>filthy rags</u> to Me? Do you not realize that without Me you would do <u>evil continually</u>? I didn't become a <u>humble servant-man</u> simply to make you better. I came to <u>extinguish your vile sin</u> so that My Father <u>remembers</u> it <u>no more</u>. Why do you spend your time worrying about the devil? The evil in this world comes from <u>your own heart's desire</u>. Didn't my brother James make that clear to you? The devil didn't make you do anything. Making the <u>devil</u> a reliable scapegoat seems to give you the moral authority to soften the ugliness of your <u>true nature</u>. As long as you proclaim the power of satan you will not hold yourself accountable. You must <u>face your sin</u> for how utterly destructive it is & as you do you will all the more appreciate the <u>grace & mercy</u> that I continually extend to you. For he who is <u>forgiven</u> little loves little.

Through Paul I wrote that satan would be <u>crushed under foot shortly</u>. What is it that you do not understand about this word *shortly*? You seem to think that I have a problem with time. When I say soon I mean <u>soon</u>. When I say a <u>little while</u> that's exactly what I mean. I don't deceive my beloved followers with promises that I don't keep.

I gave the vision of Revelation to John and the first sentence I had him write contained the phrase "things which must shortly take place". In the 3rd verse he told you that "the time is near". In the last chapter I told John not to seal up the book for "the time is near". Two verses later I said "Behold, I am coming quickly" & then in the 2nd to the last verse of the Revelation I again told John to write, "Surely I am coming quickly".

It seems to be a recurring theme with my Church that you don't take my Words seriously. I gave this Revelation to John just a short while before My return as a comfort for those who were undergoing horrific oppression. It wasn't written in code to be deciphered 2,000 years later. I used the imagery & language that I knew My people would understand. I have been consistent throughout the Word that I have preserved for you. However, you make divisions of My Word in ways that were not intended. You divided My Word as Old & New. You have come to believe that the New is unrelated to the Old as though the Old did not exist. How often I find you interpreting the Old without the New or the New without the Old. My Word is one & you need to read it that way. You read language that I wrote in the Old & then when I write the same in the New you think the meaning has changed? May it never be! I am the Alpha & the Omega & I do not change. My Words abide forever.

Have you ever wondered why I am <u>no longer revealing</u> new Scripture to you just as in the letters of John, Paul, & Peter? I spoke to my people through the prophets for hundreds of years but where are the prophets of today? Why do you think there are no more divinely inspired Words from Me today? Why have I been silent for almost <u>2,000 years</u>? Have I been deliberately silent? It should be clear but to <u>this generation</u> it is not. Your generation is like many that came before it. There is no more need for new revelation. <u>You have it all</u>. All that was written <u>was fulfilled</u>. All that I promised I have given. I came to earth as a man for one purpose. <u>I came to die</u> that you might <u>have life</u>. I was raised forever conquering <u>sin & death</u>. And I returned in judgment upon that <u>wicked & perverse generation</u>—they would not accept my Word because they were pompous, arrogant & self absorbed. I <u>finished</u> all that I said I would do. Now it's for you to recognize my finished work & proclaim it with My authority & My power. I don't ask you to go it alone. You constantly ask me to be in your midst but yet My Word is written on your heart & my kingdom resides within you.

<u>Thy Kingdom come</u> on earth as it is in heaven. My Kingdom is here right <u>now</u>. The <u>New Jerusalem</u> is my <u>spiritual Kingdom</u>. <u>This Kingdom</u> is an extension of the promise I made to <u>Abraham</u>. I did not discard that promise. I fulfilled <u>the promise</u> and it is by faith <u>not genetics</u> that gives you entrance into <u>My house</u>. It has always been <u>by faith</u>. Do you think that <u>Abraham's works</u> gave Him favor in my sight? Your works are but <u>filthy rags</u> before me. Whatever is <u>not of faith</u> is sin!

Because you, like the nation of Israel 2,000 years ago, have ignored my words & because you don't understand the nature of my coming you have <u>abandoned</u> the place of authority that I gave to you. Instead of <u>tending</u> what I provided you, this generation has become confused & seems more interested in <u>escaping this earth</u> as though it is a prison than faithfully proclaiming My message of <u>mercy</u>, <u>peace</u> & <u>grace</u>. No it is not your eternal home but while you are there I expect you to do as my disciples did. I expect my Word to be proclaimed through the earth in all confidence but you seem content with getting by until <u>the rapture</u> or a <u>3rd coming</u>.

You view this earth as a place of captivity only because you have chosen to believe that My power is not sufficient. You treat this earth that has been entrusted to you with disdain. There are many who are not My people who take more care & concern for the valuable resources that I have provided than you do. I heard one of my dear one's say, "Why polish brass on a sinking ship?" This deeply disturbs me. The ship is only sinking because you have not maintained the integrity of the hull & body. You have abrogated your place of responsibility because you have been misled by doctrines of raptures & beasts telling fanciful stories of how you will fly into the sky leaving thousands to die in your wake. If you truly believe that My 2nd coming is yet future and you believe that you will "meet Me in the air" then you ought to be on your knees daily weeping bitterly for those you will leave behind. Instead you seem so excited about a vindication that you lose site of the lost. You so badly want those that do evil in your site to get their just punishment. But before my grace what makes you any different from them? Is that what you learned from My teaching while I walked the earth? Where's your compassion? You are giddy with the expectation of My coming in vengeance. Why do you not believe that I have already judged the wicked generation that killed me? History clearly shows that I did just as I foretold but you ignore it all like it never happened. If you do believe in this rapture theory then it should not be a comfort to you. If this is your hope then you have missed the point of my Kingdom. Why don't you beg mercy for those who don't know Me yet? Why don't you pray for my delay so that others can gain entrance into my Kingdom? You long for My coming as an escape from your earthly trials. Do you not know that through my weakness you are made strong? I never promised to remove you from suffering for in them you will be perfected.

I read your websites & listen to your preachers who spend more time talking about the devil & the evil they think is to come than in proclaiming the <u>Good News</u>. The <u>antichrist is coming</u> they proclaim! "<u>Satan is alive & well on planet earth</u>" they write. And they get rich selling this message! Stop this nonsense. For <u>greater is He</u> that is within you than He that <u>was</u> in the world. I have heard this "woe is me" attitude long enough. Read my Word as I intended it to be read & stop reading it like it's a secret decoder ring. My Word is clear. Is it any wonder why writings like the <u>Da Vinci Code</u> have become so popular? It is because you have treated My word as a book of secret codes that must be properly deciphered to be understood. You look for <u>hidden phrases</u> in otherwise clear passages. Your modern day prophets read <u>Gen. 49:25</u> & they proclaim that the inhabitants of modern day Palestine <u>will strike oil!</u> This must stop! When people see you reading <u>my Word</u> this way this gives credence to a plethora of books that are purportedly filled with hidden agendas & secret societies.

You don't seem to understand My language do you? Again I tell you that you read your "New Testament" as though the Old never existed. You read My Word as though it were dropped in your mailbox that day. Do you not realize that the last of My Words were written almost 2,000 years ago to a people who share little of your westernized worldview? You must read My Word from through the eyes of the intended recipients. You must concern yourselves with the relevance to the intended audience & not ignore context. The keys to rightly dividing the Word

of truth are in your willingness to study history, customs & times. You must be diligent in your study. Do you think my <u>mysteries</u> are for the <u>lazy</u> & the <u>simple-minded</u>?

You read "Heaven & earth shall pass away" & "The stars will fall from heaven" & you assume that I'm going to destroy the earth. I constantly used that type of speech in the days of old & my people knew that it was the apocalyptic language of My judgment decrees. Don't you realize that if that language had been literal you would have never been born? But you have not studied & you read My word as though I wrote it directly to you. Yes, I wrote it for you but you will NOT understand it if you read it as though it was written directly to you today.

Why do you believe that you must <u>rebuild temples</u> & fight over <u>land</u>? And why must your church leaders continue to give special dispensation to the people who live in Israel? <u>They are not my people</u>. The Israelites <u>were scattered</u> throughout the whole earth hundreds of years before My coming. I told you 2,000 years ago that I could make children of Abraham <u>out of stones</u>! I had my servant Paul clearly explain that the people who were once called my people are not my people but yet the people who were not my people are <u>now my people</u>. I told Paul that the <u>children of flesh</u> are not my people any longer. My people belong to the <u>heavenly Jerusalem</u>. In My Kingdom there is neither <u>Jew nor Greek</u>, male nor female, <u>slave nor free</u>. Stop showing <u>favoritism</u>! You have made a mess of the Middle East by believing you were helping Me out. How many times must I tell you? <u>Faith not birth</u> determines your eternal destiny. I want my Gospel <u>to be preached</u> to the Jews but any less to the Muslims? They both worship false gods. Is there any distinction between them? I came to set the <u>captives free</u> & anyone who doesn't believe <u>only in Me</u> for their salvation is a prisoner of this <u>body of death</u>.

I told them that if they <u>believed in Me</u> that they would <u>never die</u>. I <u>prepared a place</u> for them in Heaven where there would be no more sorrow, suffering or disease. Yet, you seem to believe that the coming of My Kingdom would displace all <u>trials</u> & tribulation. I never promised that. Do you think that my beloved disciples were <u>exempt from distress</u>? I told them & I tell you, no, I won't eliminate sin & suffering right now but I promise that the Kingdom you now belong to is permanent & totally satisfying. I told them to run the race with <u>endurance</u> because in a <u>little while</u> I would come to minister to those that <u>live by faith</u>.

If you <u>drink of My spirit</u> you will thirst no more. The world missed me twice. <u>I told Caiaphas</u> the high priest that he would see Me at the right hand of the father and <u>coming on the clouds of heaven</u>. How did he respond? He tore his clothes in anger because he said that I committed blasphemy. Do you believe that I kept My word? Less than 40 years later he indeed saw me come on the clouds but this time he no longer had that arrogant condescending look on his face—instead it was replaced with fear & horror. For just as I told the Thessalonians "I will repay with tribulation those who trouble you".

So why is it that my agonizing death where I took upon all your wickedness; and the awesomeness of my resurrection where I forever destroyed the body of death; & my coming in judgment to forever free you from the constraints & curse of the law; is not enough? What is it that you want that do not already have? The hopes of resurrection, righteousness, salvation, & eternal life are today a reality through Me. Why do you wait as though I have accomplished nothing? Why do you look to the sky like an expectant chick waiting to be fed? I have provided you with my presence & I have told you that nothing will ever separate you from Me. I have taken away the shackles and bondage of sin. It's no longer is master over you. You are a new creature created for good works & all godliness. I have equipped you for everything. Yet you act as though what I have done is not enough. Your hope is in Heaven but you have much more to do on earth.

So why do you expect Me to come back again as a man? Is not My presence with you always? There is no place you can go where I am not already. Why do you expect for me to extract you from the world prematurely? I want you to share my Gospel to the world until your last breath. I want you to change the world. I want you to be salt & light. I want you to set the captives free.

I brought the spiritual kingdom to earth 2,000 years ago. Since that time billions of people have entered into my eternal heavenly Kingdom through their earthly death. Do you truly expect to be free from pain & sorrow while you dwell in your temporary body & your transitory location? Do you not realize that most of my beloved, whom I ministered to when I walked this earth as a man, died excruciating deaths so that you could bask in the mercy of the gospel? But yet you seek escape through what you call a rapture? My purposes are eternal. Why do you act as if they are temporal?

Why do you expect Me to come again? Remember, I told you I would <u>come quickly</u>. I did and you still wait. I said that the Kingdom would come <u>without observation</u> & you look to the sky with anticipation to a spectacular show of power. I never do as you expect. You always want a <u>physical sign</u>—how are you any different from the generation that killed me 2,000 years ago. The Kingdom is not flesh & blood but the <u>power of God</u>. I ask again, why is it that you think I haven't already come? I came within a <u>generation</u> just as I promised but in manner you did not expect. I came in judgment against those that rejected me. I came to <u>put away</u> the <u>old inferior covenant</u> and the entire <u>sacrificial system</u>. No longer can people offer up worthless temporal sacrifices in the temple because I destroyed it. How many times must I tell you this fact? Why do you think that it must be rebuilt & then destroyed again?

You are now the temple where My presence dwells. No more do temples & buildings contain My very being. It is my prayer that you abide in Me as I abide in you. I want you to share the greatest story ever told with this world. Please stop looking into the air & get on with the business of bringing the Kingdom of God to the world. I will work through you, I will give you the words, & I will give you the power. Go and make disciples of every creature under heaven!"

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