What Would Jesus Say?

Regarding his Coming, His People and Our Mission

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Following is a monologue that Jesus could have with any of us. It may be rather presumptuous and to some possibly offensive since it may disturb our Scriptural worldview. I have painstakingly ¹embedded a great deal of Scripture and pertinent links throughout to

lend credence to the thoughts expressed. I fully realize that the blinding light of tradition may be so intense that some may not be capable of "seeing" these things. Our paradigm is incredibly powerful, so much so that by not recognizing its existence we unwittingly shelter ourselves from recognizing potentially life-changing truth. None of us purposefully acquiesce to anything untruthful but we all have frameworks littered with unscriptural presuppositions. However, my prayer is for our minds—as New Covenant creatures in Christ, that we commit to yield to the Word as 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 humbly offer these things being fully cognizant that without God's grace and mercy all of us would be eternally separated from the triune God of creation. I thank Jesus for the Spirit's illumination daily and my prayer for you is that you allow the truth of the Word to flavor your views of God's redemptive plan throughout history.

What would happen if Jesus came to us collectively and 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 and 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> and <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 and <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> <u>were as stone cold.</u> So I told them that I would <u>obliterate their temple</u> and 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> and empowered the <u>Roman General Titus</u> and a multinational force to surround the great city of Jerusalem and 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</u> <u>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 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> and 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 and 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 and 666</u>. Do you <u>revel in evil</u>? Don't you know that I <u>defeated the enemy</u> and <u>no longer</u> do I allow that <u>serpent</u> to <u>torment</u> my people? Yet you act as though he has great <u>supernatural powers</u>. Do you believe that he acts <u>autonomously</u> apart from Me? Do you not realize that <u>satan</u> is one of my <u>creations</u> and from the beginning he has only been able to do what <u>I have allowed</u>. You act as though <u>satan</u> is a challenge to my Kingdom. I do with him what serves my eternal purposes and since you are no longer required to serve the <u>basic principles</u> of this world through the regulations of the law, his usefulness is no more. There's no reason to <u>fear</u> him as your accuser because you have been <u>set free from the law of sin and death</u>.

Do you think that it is only through the influence of <u>devils and 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> merely attempting to slightly improve your depraved nature. 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 and as you do, you will all-the-more appreciate the <u>grace and 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 third 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" and then in the second to the last verse as I concluded 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 <u>Revelation</u> to John just a short while before My return as a comfort for those who were undergoing <u>horrific oppression</u>. It wasn't written in code to be deciphered 2,000 years later. I used the <u>imagery and language</u> that I knew My people would understand. I have been consistent throughout <u>the Word</u> that I have <u>preserved for you</u>. As I came in the clouds in what you refer to as the Old Testament, was my "cloud coming" to be different in my New Covenant? Absolutely not!

And why do you insist on dividing My Word in ways that it was not intended. You separated My living Word as Old and New. Have you 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 and you need to read it that way. My New Covenant Words are the revealed mysteries of the Old Covenant. You read language that I wrote in the Old and then when I write the same in the New you think the meaning has changed? May it never be! I am the Alpha and the Omega and I do not change. My Words abide forever and My redemptive plan has been consistent throughout.

Have you ever wondered why I am no longer revealing new Scripture to you as in the letters of John, Paul, and 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? Because I have said it all! Why have I been silent for almost 2,000 years? Why have I not given new revelation? It should be clear but to this generation it is not. Your generation is like many that came before it. There is no more need for new revelation. You have it all. All that was written was fulfilled. All that I promised I have given. I came to earth as a man for one purpose. I came to die that you might have life. I was raised and forever conquered sin and death. And I returned in judgment upon that wicked and perverse generation that did not accept my Word because they were pompous, arrogant and self absorbed.

Near the end of My ministry I said ever so clearly, "I am sending you prophets and wise men and scribes; some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city, ³⁵ so that <u>upon you</u> may fall the <u>guilt of all the righteous blood shed on earth</u>, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. ³⁶ "Truly I say to you, all these things will come upon <u>this generation</u>. <u>Matthew 23:34-36</u> (NASB) Do you think I cannot adequately convey a direct message with my Words? I created language for goodness sake. As I was speaking to the wicked religious elite, I purposefully said, "this generation". I did not say "that generation". How much clearer could I have been?

It was at that time that I <u>finished</u> all that I said I would do. Now it's for you to recognize my finished work and proclaim it with My authority and My power. I don't ask you to <u>go it alone</u>. In your prayers you constantly ask Me to be in your midst but yet My Word is <u>written on your heart</u> and my spirit <u>resides within you</u>. For you have become <u>the Temple</u> of my presence.

<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 it was <u>Abraham's works</u> that gave Him favor in my sight? His faith was <u>credited</u> to him as righteousness, not his works. Are your works any greater than his? They are but <u>filthy rags</u> before me. Do you not know that whatever is <u>not of faith</u> is sin!

Because you, like the nation of Israel 2,000 years ago, have ignored my words and 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> to what I provided you, this generation has become confused and 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> and <u>grace</u> throughout the world. 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 announced to all creation in all confidence, but you seem content with getting by until some ill-conceived <u>rapture</u> or a <u>third coming</u> that I never promised.

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 and concern for the valuable resources that I have provided than you do. I've heard one of my dear one's more than once say, "Why polish brass on a sinking ship?" This deeply disturbs me. This ship is mine and when I created it I said that it was good. Why do you want to foment its demise? The ship is only sinking because you have not maintained the integrity of the hull and body. You have abrogated your place of responsibility because you have been misled by doctrines of raptures and 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 still future and you believe that you will "meet Me in the air", then daily you ought to be on your knees weeping bitterly for those you will leave

behind. Instead you seem so excited about a <u>vindication</u> that you lose sight of those I came to save. You so badly want those that do evil in your sight to get their just punishment. But before you entered <u>my grace</u>, what made you <u>any different</u> from them? Where does your boating originate? Do no all <u>good gift</u> come from Me? Is that what you learned from My teaching while I walked the earth? Where's your <u>compassion</u>? Why are you so giddy with the expectation of My <u>vengeful</u> return? And why is it you do not believe that I have already judged the wicked generation that killed me? <u>History</u> clearly shows that I did just as I foretold but you ignore it all like it never happened. If you do believe in this <u>rapture theory</u> then it should not be a comfort to you. If this is <u>your hope</u> then you have missed the point of my <u>Kingdom</u>. Why don't you beg <u>mercy</u> for those who don't know Me yet? Why don't you pray for My delay so that others can gain entrance into <u>my Kingdom</u>?

Where in My Word do you gain the confidence that My coming was supposed to provide an escape from your ordained earthly <u>trials</u>. I told you that <u>endurance</u> was the way of escape to peace. I told you that through my strength you could be content in all things. Do you not remember that through <u>my weakness</u> you are made strong? I never promised to remove you from <u>suffering</u> for in them you will be <u>perfected</u>.

I read your websites and listen to your preachers who spend more time talking about the devil and the evil they think is to come, than in proclaiming the Good News. The antichrist is coming they boldly declare! "Satan is alive and well on planet earth" they write. And they get rich selling this message! Stop this nonsense. For greater is He that is within you than He that was in the world. I have heard this "woe is me" attitude long enough. Read my Word as I intended it to be read and stop reading it like it's a secret decoder ring. My Word is clear. Is it any wonder why these writings like the Da Vinci Code have become so popular? It is because you have treated My word as a book of secret codes that must be properly deciphered in order to be understood. You look for hidden phrases in otherwise clear passages. Your modern day prophets read verses like Gen. 49:25 and they proclaim that the inhabitants of modern day Palestine will strike oil! This must stop! When people see you reading my Word this way this gives credence to a plethora of books that are purportedly filled with hidden agendas and 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 with the daily newspaper. 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 through the eyes of the intended recipients. You must concern yourselves with the relevance to the intended audience and not ignore context. The keys to rightly dividing My Word of truth are in your willingness to study history, customs and times. You must be diligent in your study. Do you think my mysteries are for the lazy and the simple-minded?

You read "Heaven and earth shall pass away" and "The stars will fall from heaven" and you assume that I'm going to destroy the earth. I constantly used that type of speech in the days of old and 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 and 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> and fight over <u>land</u>? And why must your church leaders continue to give special dispensation to the people who inhabit the land of 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 destination. 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> and 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> 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> and tribulations. I never promised that. Do you think that my beloved disciples were <u>exempt from distress</u>? I told them and I tell you, no, I won't eliminate sin and suffering right now but I promise that the Kingdom you now belong to is permanent and totally satisfying. I told them to run the race with <u>endurance</u> because in a <u>very 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 to Caiaphas and those fated members of the Sanhedrin? Less than 40 years later, he and those who <u>pierced me</u>, 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 terror and horror. For just as I told the Thessalonians "I will repay with tribulation those who trouble you".

So why is it that my <u>agonizing death</u>, where I took upon all your wickedness; the awesomeness of <u>My resurrection</u>, where I forever destroyed the body of death; and <u>my coming in judgment</u> to forever <u>free</u> you from the <u>constraints and curse of the law</u> of sin and death; is not enough? What is it that you want that you do not already have? The hopes of <u>resurrection</u>, <u>righteousness</u>, <u>salvation</u>, and <u>eternal life</u> 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 <u>my presence</u> and I have told you that <u>nothing will ever separate you</u> from Me. I have taken away the shackles and <u>bondage</u> of <u>sin</u>. It's no longer master over you. You are a <u>new creature</u> created for <u>good works</u> and all godliness. I have <u>equipped</u> you for everything. Yet you act as though what I have done is not enough—that it is unfinished. Your <u>hope is in Heaven</u> 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 with the world until your last breath. I want you to change the world. I want you to be salt and light. I want you to set the captives free. You are my ambassadors of reconciliation. You are My representatives!

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 and sorrow while you dwell in your temporary body and 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 continually seek an escape route therefore abrogating your earthly mission. I have great work for you to do. My purposes are eternal yet you act as though 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> and yet you look to the sky with anticipation, expecting to witness some spectacular fireworks display of My 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 and blood but the by My

<u>power</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 and then destroyed again? Was the timely first desolation not sufficient for you?

You are now the temple where My presence dwells. No more do temples and 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 and 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, and I will give you the power. Go and make disciples of every creature under heaven!"

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