

## Wonderful Promises

### Introduction:

- A. **[Palm Sunday – Passion Week]**
    - a. **Triumphal entry – prophecy**
    - b. **Cleanses the temple – 2<sup>nd</sup> time**
    - c. **Give great teachings & rebukes the Pharisees**
    - d. **Moving to the night before His crucifixion**
    - e. **They have the Passover meal & Jesus washes the disciples’ feet...**
    - f. **Then in the upper room with all roads leading to the cross – Jesus gives us some wonderful promises**
  - B. **[Promises are beautiful when kept]**
  - C. John 14:19
  - D. *“As we follow Christ we must trust in His wonderful promises.”*
  - E. What do these promises have to do with us???
  - F. 2 Promises:
    - I. Promise #1 – You will see. (19a)
      - a. The world no longer sees Jesus.
        - i. The last time the world (non-believers) saw Jesus was on the cross.
        - ii. There is no record of anyone except the disciples seeing Jesus after His resurrection.
        - iii. Spiritually the world doesn’t see Jesus either, even today, because they are blinded to Him by sin & unbelief
        - iv. *“But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.”* – 2 Cor. 4:3-4
        - v. This is why the world is hostile to those who believe in Christ.
- vi. *“Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.”* – 2 Pet. 3:3-4 NIV
- vii. One day the world will see Jesus again...
  - 1. But it will be horrible
  - 2. *“BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.”* – Rev. 1:7 NASB
  - 3. *“And he will give rest to you who are troubled and to us also when the Lord Jesus appears with burning fire from heaven with his powerful angels. Then he will punish those who do not know God and who do not obey the Good News about our Lord Jesus Christ. Those people will be punished with a destruction that continues forever. They will be kept away from the Lord and from his great power.”* – 2 Thess. 1:7-9 NCV
- viii. **HOWEVER!!!**
- b. The disciples did and do see Jesus. (19a)
  - i. The disciples would see Jesus even after the cross.
    - 1. They witnessed His resurrection Easter morning.
    - 2. They saw Him at different time several days later.
    - 3. They saw Jesus taken up in the clouds at His ascension.
  - ii. But Jesus was saying that they would see Him in a different way than just with their eyes. (20-24)
    - 1. Jesus explains that He would manifest (show) Himself to those who love Him.
    - 2. {Notice that love is visible (15)}
    - 3. Judas questions this manifesting...

4. Jesus responds that those who love Him, the Father & Jesus will make their “home” in that person.
  5. “home” = “mansions” (2)
  6. Jesus will show Himself to the disciples by dwelling in them...BUT how?
  7. Through the Holy Spirit (17-18)
  8. **[Trinity!]**
- iii. The same is true for us who are His disciples today.
1. By faith we see Jesus.
  2. *“But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.” – Heb. 2:9 KJV*
  3. *“Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” – Jn. 20:29 ESV*
- iv. **[Blind deer hunter - Not everyone sees the Gospel]**

“The next promise...”

II. Promise #2 – You will live. (19b)

- a. Jesus was, is, and will always be alive.
- i. Jesus has always lived!
    1. *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... The Word became flesh and took up residence among us. We observed His glory, the glory as the One and Only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.” – Jn. 1:1&14*
    2. *“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” – Rev. 22:13 ASV*
  - ii. Even in death Jesus triumphed with life
    1. His humanity died, but His deity never blinked!

2. But He conquered death with victory!
3. *“But the glorious fact is that Christ did rise from the dead: he has become the very first to rise of all who sleep the sleep of death.” – 1 Cor. 15:20 PHILLIPS*
4. Thus He is the Author of resurrected life!

iii. All life rest in the hands of Jesus

1. Creation
2. *“for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can’t see— such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.” – Col. 1:16-17 NLT*
3. He is the only way to spiritual life (6)
4. THEREFORE...

b. The disciples have eternal life and will enjoy it fully in eternity. (19b)

- i. We too look with eagerness to the blessed hope of our resurrection.
  1. *“But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ’s at His coming.” – 1 Cor. 15:20-23*
  2. Our future life is now hidden and secure in Jesus!
  3. *“For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.” – Col. 3:3-4 NIV*

- ii. However, we enjoy new life already!
- iii. *“When you were spiritually dead because of your sins and because you were not free from the power of your sinful self, God made you alive with Christ, and he forgave all our sins.”* – Col. 2:13  
NCV
- iv. We have the forgiveness for and freedom from sin through the death & resurrection of Jesus!
- v. *“For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.”* – Rom. 6:10-11  
NASB
- vi. We enjoy regeneration through Christ redemption!
- vii. We enjoy eternal life through Jesus’ sacrifice!
- viii. The life we now have is an expression of God’s amazing love!
- ix. *“God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent His One and Only Son into the world so that we might live through Him.”* – 1 Jn. 4:9  
HCSB
- x. **[Because He Live – 448]**

#### Conclusion

- A. Are you trusting in the promises of Jesus?
- B. Do you have the promises of Jesus?