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HIS COMING WILL BE ACCORDING TO HIS PROMISE!

II. HIS COMING WILL BE ACCORDING TO HIS PERSON! (VS 16) "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven..." Acts 1:11-"...this same Jesus..."

Who is this Jesus? He is the Jesus of the Bible! He is Jesus Christ Our Lord! His coming will be both **personal** and **visible**!

A. The Same Jesus Who Existed In Eternity Past! John 1:1-2, 14–"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

Colossians 1:17–"And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."

B. The Same Jesus Who Created The Universe!

Genesis 1:1–"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

John 1:3–"All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."

Colossians 1:16–"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:"

C. The Same Jesus Who Was Born Of A Virgin!

Luke 1:35–"And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also **that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.**"

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Matthew 1:18–"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, **she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.**"

Matthew 1:20-21–"But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. 21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

D. The Same Jesus Who Lived A Sinless Life On Earth! 1 Peter 2:22–"Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:"

John 8:46–"*Which of you convinceth me of sin?* And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?"

E. The Same Jesus Who Performed Miracles On Earth! The Bible records that He healed the sick, He raised the dead, and He fed thousands my multiplying a little boys lunch. He gave sight to blind eyes! He gave hearing to deaf ears! He caused the dumb to speak! He did all these things and much more!

> John 21:25–"And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

F. The Same Jesus Who Taught With Authority! Even as a boy in *Luke 2:47–"And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers."*

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Luke 4:22–"And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?"

Luke 4:32–"And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power."

- G. The Same Jesus Who Died For Our Sins On The Cross! Romans 5:6-8–"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. 8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."
- H. The Same Jesus Who Was Buried In A Borrowed Tomb! (Matthew 27:57-60) Joseph of Arimathaea
- I. The Same Jesus Who Arose From That Tomb! Matthew 28:6–"He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

J. The Same Jesus Who Appeared To Believers After His Resurrection!

Acts 1:3–"To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:"

1 Corinthians 15:5-8–"And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: 6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. 7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. 8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time."

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K. The Same Jesus Who Ascended To Heaven!

Acts 1:11–"Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

L. The Same Jesus Who Is At The Right Hand Of God Making Intercession For Us!

Hebrews 1:3–"Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;"

1 John 2:1-2–"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."

Romans 8:34–"Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

M. The Same Jesus Who Is Seeking To Save The Lost! (Luke 19:10)

N. The Same Jesus To Whom God The Father Has Given All Power, Including The Power of Judgment! Matthew 28:18–"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

Philippians 2:8-11–"And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted

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him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Conclusion

HIS COMING WILL BE ACCORDING TO HIS PROMISE!

HIS COMING WILL BE ACCORDING TO HIS PERSON! Are you ready for His coming?

Are you saved? If not, you had better take care of that today! If you are saved, are you LIVING, LONGING, and LOOKING for His return?