



Maranatha Weekly Study Guide – 1/20/21

If anyone in your family needs a Bible, please contact the office, kingsfordag@yahoo.com or 774-7631 ext. 7.

Jesus gave us special promises prior to His departure for Heaven:

1. Jesus went to be with God the Father, but He will return someday.
2. Jesus is preparing a place for us.
3. When Jesus comes back, Jesus will take us with Him if we are His followers.
4. Jesus is always with us.
5. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us tell others about Him.



READ & DISCUSS:

Matthew 28:16-20; Luke 24:44-51; and Acts 1:6-11 -OR-

“Jesus Goes to Heaven” on pages 466-472 of *The Beginner’s Bible*

- What did Jesus tell the disciples to go and do? Who can you tell about Jesus?
- Jesus told the disciples, “And you can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end” (Matt. 28:20b). This does not mean that we won’t have any troubles. But, even when we are having troubles, Jesus says He will be with us.

- Read the following statements. Stand up if the answer is “yes.” Sit down if the answer is “no.”
 - Jesus is there for us when we need him. (yes)
 - Jesus is too busy for us sometimes. (no)
 - Jesus is only with us when we are happy. (no)
 - Jesus is with us when we are sad. (yes)
 - Jesus is with us when we are afraid. (yes)
 - Sometimes Jesus is on vacation and is away from us. (no)
 - Jesus is always with us. (yes)



- Jesus told the disciples to wait in the city. What did Jesus say would happen there? What is something you had to wait for? Was it hard to wait?
- Where did Jesus go?
- We don’t know when Jesus will come back. But, how will Jesus come back?
- We have some waiting to do...waiting for Jesus to come back. But, we have a job to do while we wait – what is our job?

Here’s a song about Jesus’ return getting closer every day!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Krlp5Tan4dU>

MEMORIZE:

John 14:3, "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

Here’s a song that makes learning this verse really easy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8CpNrH6z-7U>

HAVE FUN:

1. Find 15 things around your house (toys, books, furniture, blankets, etc.). Make a pile with all of the stuff in the middle of one room.
2. Have everyone study the stuff. Then, have one person leave the room while you remove one item. Have the person come back and see if they can figure out what is missing. After they’ve guessed, put the item back.
3. Keep playing until everyone has had a turn!
4. Jesus is as real as any object in your pile of stuff. Just because you can’t see where he is or feel Him move – that doesn’t mean He isn’t among us. He is with us now, and he’ll be with us in body someday!

Text – Revelation 1:1-3, NIV

Unhealthy Approaches to Revelation

- _____ is not an option.

- The _____ cover a very long time.

- We cannot interpret the book through _____.

Reading Revelation – The Basics

- Revelation had a meaning _____ to its original recipients.

- We often _____ the nature of biblical prophecy.

- Hold tightly to the _____.
 - The church and state are on a _____.
 - God is _____ of all things.
 - Tribulation is something the church will continue to _____ until the end of the age.
 - God’s wrath is His judgment on those who _____ His people.

Life Enrichment

What about today's teaching challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- What are the things that you avoid at all costs? Why do you avoid them?
- When it comes to reading and studying the book of Revelation are you intimidated, baffled, confused, or do you simply love it? Why do you think you feel the way you do about Revelation?
- Why do you think that misreading Revelation sometimes leads to dangerous and even devastating results?
- What current events would fit well into the plot of Revelation? Why is it unhealthy to interpret Revelation through the lens of current events?
- When did "The Last Days" begin? Why is it important to recognize this when reading Revelation?
- When John's readers first heard Revelation, how do you think they responded? Why do you think they needed Revelation's message?
- What is Revelation's big picture? Why is it vital to keep it in mind while reading the book?
- What lessons do you think Revelation holds for modern readers and churches?