

WHAT WILL BE OUR ROLE WHEN JESUS RETURNS?

ser5038 The Second Coming of Jesus, Pt 3

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I. (HOOK) POINT OF INTRIGUE

A. **Show video** that ended Easter Sunday's sermon, "*What will the World Look Like AFTER Jesus Returns?*"

VIDEO: SUPERBOOK, Season 1, Episode 12 (4:00)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AKZAaqnY0U706eBWiDzuX7wlwOoVnKzN/view?usp=sharing>

B. In our sermon series, "The Second Coming of Jesus Christ," we established that:

1. Sometime before the end of the Great Tribulation, God will avenge the blood of His saints, by pouring out His wrath on the Satanic Trinity and on a wicked and sinful world. However, before He does that, God will rapture, that is take from the earth, those believers who remain alive and those who have lost their lives.
2. After the bowls of His wrath have been unleashed (Revelation 16), there is a huge battle between the armies of Satan and the armies of God. (The SuperBook video, which opened today's sermon.) God then makes all things new for all eternity.

NOTE: Now, that's a very simplified version of the last days

and what the Millennial reign of Christ and Eternity will look like.

NOTE 2: If I may be honest with you—who really knows. If I were to give you all of the different perspectives of last day events, the rapture, the Millennial reign of Christ, and Eternity, not only would you walk out of here with a migraine, but we would not have even scratched the surface.

C. Therefore, I've given you my perspective only as a reference, not as "absolute" truth.

What is absolute truth is that Jesus is physically coming back—for He said in **Acts 1:11**, "As you have seen me ascend, so will you see Me descend" (**JBSV**), and that He is making all things new. What was to be in the Garden six thousand years ago will be for all eternity without Satan screwing it up. All sin and unrighteousness will be gone. And the Church said, "Hallelujah!"

(Play soundtrack - The Hallelujah Chorus, 60 seconds then fade to nothing <https://youtu.be/BBZ7AfZR9xs>)

D. Let us pray!

II. QUESTIONS RAISED BY LAST WEEK'S SERMON

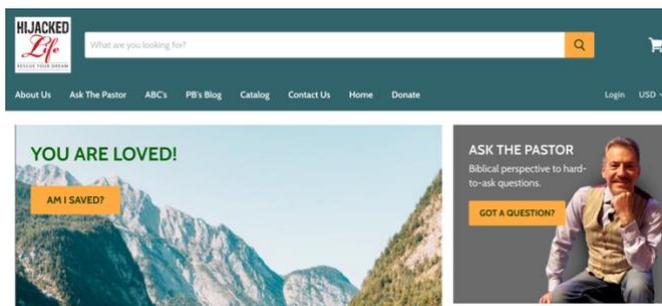
A. After church on Easter Sunday, our immediate family had lunch together, then later that day we had desserts at my sister's home.

Lunch revealed that my Easter sermon raised a number of questions, not just at church but at the dessert table. LOL!

1. Where do we go when we die? Jesus said to the thief, **“This day you will be with me in paradise” (Luke 23:43)**
 - Is that our final destination or a “bus stop” so to speak? What happens AFTER paradise?
 - Is that when we get our resurrected bodies?
2. Will we recognize loved ones in heaven?
3. Will all believers die during the Great Tribulation?
4. During the Tribulation, where are the saints who are dead but still alive when they cry out to God for vengeance? (Bodies are dead but spirits are alive.)

B. Sorry! But I’m not going to answer any of those questions, directly.

NOTE: Some of these questions are answered at the **HijackedLife.com** website. (**show photo**) Simply click on the *Ask the Pastor* tab. Oh, lest I forget, the site contains some good artwork, some of which is by “yours truly.” 😊



III. (**BOOK & LOOK**) OUR ROLE WHEN JESUS RETURNS

A. **Revelation 5:8-10**

⁸ Now when He (Jesus) had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

NOTE: Your prayers, saints, have no time limit. You may put a time frame on them, but God doesn't.

⁹ And they sang a new song, saying:

“You are worthy to take the scroll,
And to open its seals;
For You were slain,
And have redeemed us to God by Your blood
Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,
¹⁰ And have made [d]us kings[e] and priests to our God;
And [f]we shall reign on the earth.”

NOTE:

Kings – literally, a kingdom (the noun is feminine singular—we are the bride of Christ)

Priests – masculine plural—priests were males, as in the same gender at Christ

NOTE: Whatever that looks like, it is implying that we will be doing something in eternity. Like maybe “work.” Work is not a curse word; it's a blessing. And those who think otherwise find trouble. God told Adam and Eve to work six days, and rest on day seven. Their job, for lack of a better word, was a pleasure.

It's like loving to play basketball, and you're good enough to get paid for it. God NEVER intended work to be a curse, but a

blessing. And when the sting of sin and death are removed ... work will be pleasure, and our boss will be Jesus. How cool is that?

Revelation 22:3, when describing the “new earth,” it says, “No longer will there be any curse.” The curse that came through sin was lifted through Jesus. Just imagine what our work is going to be like in the New Creation, when there is no pain, frustration, stress, difficulty, unpredictability, sweat, guilt, and interpersonal conflict as a result of sin’s curse. It will all be gone. And the church said ... (**play the first 24 seconds of The Hallelujah Chorus then fade to nothing.**)

B. Daniel 7:27

Then the kingdom and dominion,
And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole
heaven,

Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High.
His kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom,
And all dominions shall serve and obey Him."

NOTE: This tells us that the kingdoms of this earth will be given to the saints—that’s us. Thank God we’ll not have our fallen natures, or we’d mess it up all over again. But that is not happening!

C. 1 Corinthians 6:1-3

1When one of you has a dispute with another believer,
how dare you file a lawsuit and ask a secular court to

decide the matter instead of taking it to other believers! **2**Don't you realize that someday we believers (saints) will judge the world? And since you are going to judge the world, can't you decide even these little things among yourselves? **3**Don't you realize that we will judge angels? So you should surely be able to resolve ordinary disputes in this life.

NOTE! Are you putting it together?

- 1) We're going to work and love it.
- 2) We're going to reign over kingdoms with Christ.
- 3) We're going to judge angels.

NOTE: Jesus is His name; Christ is His title, and includes all of Jesus' positions—Lord, Savior, Son of God, Lamb of God, Good Shepherd, Redeemer, Prince of Peace, Wonderful, Everlasting Father, Almighty God, and the list goes on.

E.g.: Most have heard of the Mongol ruler, Genghis Khan. His real name was Temujin. However, after he unified the nomadic tribes, he was given the name Genghis, which means “universal ruler,” and Khan means “king.” (**show photo**)



Therefore, Genghis Khan means “universal king.” Although there is no comparison between Genghis Khan and Jesus Christ, you can see the why two names are given. One is the person; the other is the title.

D. **Hebrews 2:8-9 (JBSV)**

⁸ You [God] put all things under His control [Jesus].”^[a] For when (God) put all things under (Jesus’) control, (God) (God) left nothing outside of (Jesus) control. At present we do not yet see all things under (Jesus) control ... ⁹ but we will; and we will be a part of it. *v9 implied/jbsv

III. (TOOK) IN THE MEANTIME, WHAT DO WE DO?

Let’s see what Jesus tells us to do.

A. **Luke 19:13**

¹³ And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, occupy till I come.

NOTE: Occupy means: “Do business” or “stay busy” or “work”—that is *don’t lay around and do nothing* waiting until I return.

B. Spiritually, let’s look at some basics:

1. **Read the Bible** from Genesis to Revelation in 5 years (one chapter a day). That’s God speaking to you.
2. **Pray**—that’s you talking to God.
3. **Get baptized** as a believer: Follow both Christ’s example and Christ’s command. BTW: Jesus was 30 when He was baptized.

4. **Tithe**—give God 10% of all that you make. If you don't have the faith to give on the gross, start with the net. If you'll start there, one day you'll give far more than 10%-you may even try to outgive God. Listen! *"If you don't know how to give, you don't know how to live."* I think I heard that somewhere else before. LOL! *Martino Cartier
5. **Serve**—follow Christ's example: fulfill your promise and potential do something for someone other than yourself. And, if you're looking for a place to serve, text "serve" to 856.861.4144.
6. **Connect**—Get connected and deepen your walk with Christ by joining a Circle of Friends or GCG or
7. Practice **POTS**—explain. Don't wait till you get home to pray for a need expressed by someone in conversation, pray right then and there.

ILLUSTRATION (if time permits): I was at a jeweler's shop getting a watch fixed. A lady came in and stood behind me. She spoke with difficulty. The owner at the counter struck up a conversation. I gave her an Easter Season card and invited her to The Passion of Christ. When I did, the woman behind me said, "I got a flyer in the mail and plan on going." I paid my bill and left the shop and waited outside for the woman with the paralyzed vocal cords. When she came outside, I asked if I could pray with her. She said, "yes," and we prayed for God's healing grace. That's "POTS." It's not so much about "the answer" to what we pray for as it is in living the second great commandment—expressing an interest in another's well-being.

7. Lastly, do for someone who CANNOT pay you back.

Jesus in **Luke 14:13-14**, says,

“But when you give a feast, invite *the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind*. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

IV. INVITATION (**TOOK**)

A. Isn't that what Jesus did for us when He took upon Himself our sins.

We cannot repay Him, but what we can do is not REJECT His offer of *forgiveness* and *eternal* life.

Here's how:

Admit– your sins have separated you from God.

(Psa 14:1-3; Rom 3: 23);

Believe – that God did something about your sins through Jesus Christ. (The final Pascal Lamb/Messiah.)

(Lev 17:10; Heb 9: 19-22);

Commit – yourself to His righteousness by confessing Jesus as Lord and Savior. (Isa 53:5; Col 1:22);

Do it today! (Isa 49:8; 2 Cor 6:2).

Father in Heaven, I'm sorry for the things I've done that are wrong: I am a sinner; forgive me. Thank You for loving me and sending your Son, Jesus, to pay the penalty for my sin. Holy Spirit come into my heart; Jesus be my Lord and Savior. I give You my life. Amen.