

It was late in the day. Jared knew he should be getting home. But he just wanted to be near Jesus. He watched as Jesus and a small group strode away from the temple. The evening sun glistened off the marble roof and Jared felt really proud to be a Jew with such a wonderful building there.

Jesus set off towards the Mount of Olives and so Jared followed discreetly behind the group. Some of the group headed off in different directions until it was just Jesus and the disciples, and of course Jared tagging along behind.

Jesus sat down at the top of the Mount of Olives overlooking the beautiful temple, and that was when he heard the question from Peter. "Jesus, You have spoken about the destruction of the Temple and even the city of Jerusalem. Please share with us just when it will happen, how will we know, and when You will return again?"

Eagerly Jared crept closer behind some trees and squatted down to listen too.

He was amazed as Jesus predicted the destruction of the temple itself. Herod had already spent nearly 50 years in costly refurbishment of the Temple. People came from all over the Mediterranean region just to see it. The Romans had given a lot of money towards it as well. How could they let it be destroyed he thought?

The look of disbelief on the disciple's faces said it all. Jesus told them that routine stuff like wars, earthquakes and other natural disasters have been around for a long time. They were not necessarily the signs to look out for. He admonished the disciples not to panic when they saw all those things happening. People will even try and pretend to be me and make all sorts of wild claims, "Don't be taken in by those people or their claims."

In fact, Jesus then said, "Look out really carefully because as believers, you will only have a really brief window of escape at that time to save your lives, you won't have time to worry about all your stuff. When the time comes – just run out of the city and get out of the region quickly."

Peter again spoke up, and Jared had noticed it was always Peter who spoke first. "So how will we know when You are going to come back again? We don't want to be deceived."

Jesus smiled reassuringly at Peter and the rest of the disciples. The answer to that is simple. "Just be ready all the time. You think back to when that break-in occurred in your village, if the house owner had realised it was going to happen – he would have been prepared. My return is going to be like that. It will be unexpected and catch people by surprise. Those who are ready will be prepared and sharing the Good News about Me wherever they go. Those who simply live their life from day to day without putting me first will have no idea it is about to happen. Just like in Noah's day at the flood, very few people were ready. Most were simply going around living their lives without any thought of letting God into their lives as a priority. They got caught unexpectedly. But you don't have that excuse. You believe in God. So simply live your lives each day showing that God is the most important part of your life."

Jared sat up and thought about all that. It made sense. He wanted to be ready when Jesus came back again. He hadn't quite figured out just where Jesus was going in the first place, but the disciples obviously knew, and were really keen to know when Jesus was coming back.

As Jared quietly crept away and ran home, he had so much to think about.

The temple would somehow be completely destroyed. His people would be scattered. There was some major destruction predicted right here in Jerusalem. Would he be ready for that event? Would he be ready for when Jesus returned? He knew he wanted to be. He decided he would try and put God first in his life so that he too could be with Peter and the other disciples when Jesus did come back.

# Jesus is Coming

## Sabbath

Do you have any friends or relatives who you don't get to see very often?

When did you last see them?

Do you look forward to seeing them?

How do you feel when you finally see them?

Do you know anyone who looks like their parents? In what way?

Do you know anyone who acts like their parents? In what way?

Do you know anyone who likes to do the same things as their parents?



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Refer: Matt 24:1-2, 30-31; 25:31, 32; Mark 13:1-2, 24-27; Luke 21:5-6, 25-28; John 14; Acts 1:9-11; Rev 1:7; 22:13-14; 1 Thess 4:16, 17 NLT; *The Bible Story* vol8 p285-288

## Sunday

Jesus said to His disciples, "Do not worry, but trust Me. There is lots of room in my Father's home. I am going to prepare a place for you, and when everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will live with Me forever."

But Thomas asked, "How will we know the way?"

Jesus replied, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you had known Me, you would know My Father as well. From now on you do know Him and have seen Him." John 14:6-7NLT

Then Philip asked Jesus to show them the Father.

Jesus said to Philip, "Don't you understand? I don't speak My own words, it is the Father in Me who does all these things. In fact, those who believe in My will do the things that I have done, and even greater things! I am going to the Father, and I will ask Him to do whatever you ask in My name, for His glory. - ask in My Name and I will do it."

Then Jesus said, "If you love Me, obey my Commandments, and I will ask the Father to send the Spirit of Truth to you. The world does not know Him, but you do as He lives with you and in you. I won't leave you alone, I will come to you. The world won't see me soon, but you will, and you will know that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I am in you."

Another disciple asked Jesus why He would not reveal Himself to the world.

Again, Jesus said, "Thow who love Me will obey My Word, My Father will love him, and We will live with Him. Those who do not love Me, do not obey My Words. This is the Word of My Father. Right now I am with you, but when I am not, the Holy Spirit will teach you all things, and remind you of everything I have taught you."

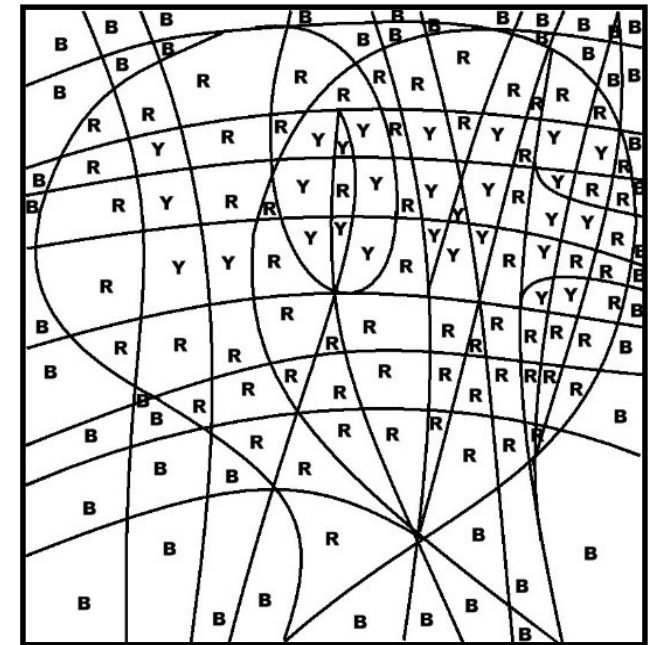


## Friday

What will heaven have? B=Blue, R=Red, Y=Yellow

Heaven will be full of \_\_\_\_\_. There will be nothing mean or hurtful, sad, bad or mad. No arguments, no accidents, only good things. We will be happy, everyone living in perfect harmony.

We are not there yet, but even on earth we can experience a taste of Heaven. With God's help we can grow in the Fruits of the Spirit, love, joy, peace, and so on, and we can grow in the 'Oneness' that Jesus prayed about in John 17:20-24.



What will we find when we experience this 'Oneness'?

Proverbs 16:7\_\_\_\_\_

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Philippians 3:15\_\_\_\_\_

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Whatever you struggle with, talk to God about it. Find a Bible story, or a Bible promise that fits and claim it. You will be surprised.

## Thursday

What did Jesus say in John 14:15?

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Now reread John 14:6 from Tuesday.

What did Jesus say to the Jewish leaders in John 5:39-40?

You search the \_\_\_\_\_ because you think they give you \_\_\_\_\_. But the Scriptures point to Me!

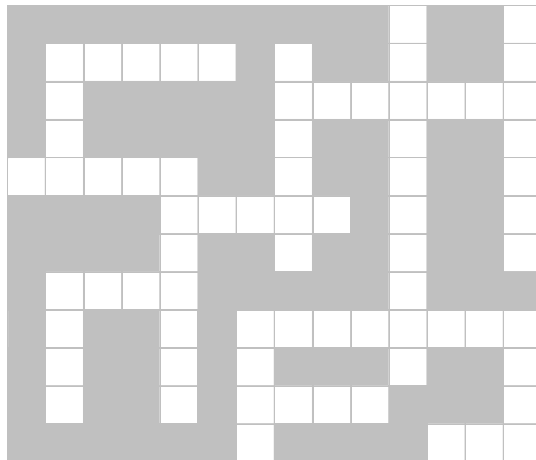
Most of the Jewish leader were teaching that to gain eternal life, people had to obey all the Ten Commandments perfectly, and they missed the real point of the Scriptures – Jesus – the One who saves us and who gives us a desire to obey God.

Ask yourself: Why do you obey?

1. Is it because you are afraid of getting in trouble?
2. Is it so you will go to heaven?
3. Is it because others expect you too?
4. Is it perhaps a gift, or a way of showing or telling how grateful you are for the things God or others have done for you, or a way to spend time with God or others, or a way to touch them, to show that you care?

Number 4 is the best answer – but if it is not your answer, don't be discouraged. Talk to God about it. In Jeremiah 29:13 NIV He says, "You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart." Claim this promise, do what it says, spend time with God and you will find Him, and although you might not notice it at first, you will be different.

Fit the missing and underlined words into the grid.



## Monday

Jesus told His disciples, "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled; do not be afraid." John 14:27 NLT

Jesus continued, "I am going away, but I am coming back. Now I have told you what will happen, so that when it happens, you will believe. The prince of this world is coming, not that he has power over me, but I do as My Father commands."

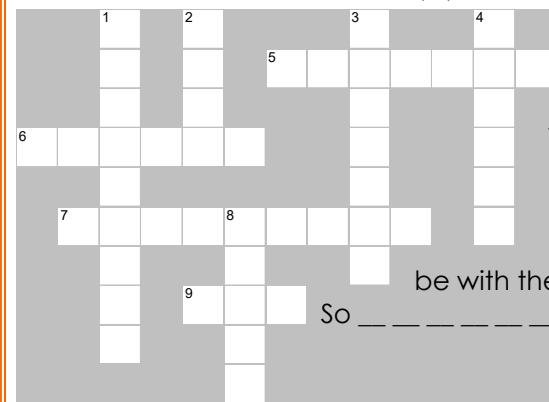
On another occasion, Jesus said, "You will see signs that My coming is near, and then I will come on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory, with a loud shout and a trumpet blast. Everyone will see what is happening. Then the Christians who have died will rise from their graves and, along with those who are still alive, will rise to meet Me in the sky. We will enter the gates of heaven together and eat from the tree of life."



Paul also wrote about the Second Coming in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18.

For the \_\_\_\_\_ (2d) Himself will come down from \_\_\_\_\_ (4d) with a commanding shout, with the voice of the \_\_\_\_\_ (7a), and with the \_\_\_\_\_ (3d) call of God. First, the believers who

\_\_\_\_\_ have died will rise from their graves. Then, together with them, we who are still \_\_\_\_\_ (8d) and remain on the earth will be caught up in the \_\_\_\_\_ (6a) to meet the \_\_\_\_\_ (2d) in the \_\_\_\_\_ (9a). Then we will be with the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ (5a). So \_\_\_\_\_ (1d) each other with these words.



## Tuesday

When Thomas asked the way to Heaven, what was Jesus' reply? Write Jesus words from John 14:6 NLT or NIV and then find them in the puzzle.

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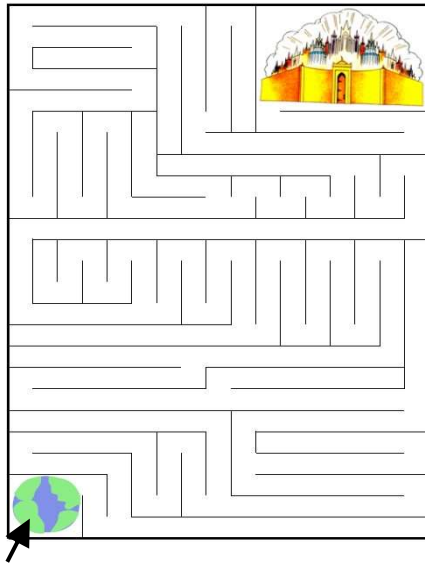


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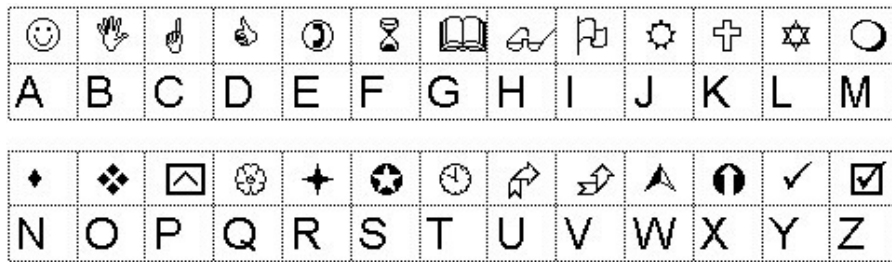
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Find a path from the earth to Heaven through the maze.

How will Jesus come?



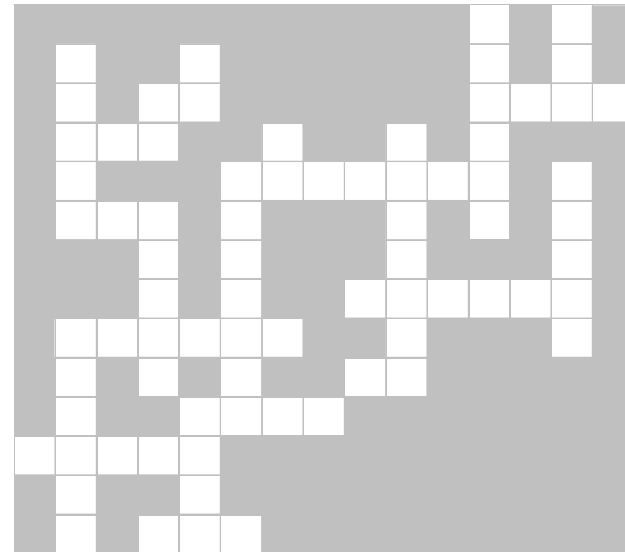
## Wednesday

Look again at your answers on the front page. What did Jesus tell His disciples in John 14:7-10?

"If you really know \_\_ \_\_, you will know My \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ as well... Anyone who has \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ has \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ the \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_! Don't you \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ that I am in the \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ and the \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ is in \_\_ \_\_?" NIV

Jesus talked more about this again in His prayer in John 17:20-24

"I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ in me through their \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_. I pray that they will all be \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_, just as you and I are one—as you are in \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_, Father, and I am in \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. I have given them the \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ you gave me, so they may be \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ as we are \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_. I am in \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ and you are in \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_. May they experience such perfect \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. Father, I want these whom you have given me to be



with me \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_

I am.

Then they can see all the \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ you gave me because you loved me even before the world began!