

In John 17:3^{NIV}, Jesus said in His prayer, "This is eternal life: that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent."

Helmut Haubeil in his book 'Steps to Personal Revival' (which is available for free from steps-to-personal-revival.info) says that the word 'know' in this verse has a deeper meaning than what we use today; it means a complete, mutual, and loving commitment – a personal relationship.

In the parable of the 10 bridesmaids, the bridegroom told the foolish bridesmaids, "I do not know you" – this group had run out of oil and so they had arrived at the wedding feast, late. The oil in the parable represents the Holy Spirit. This group represents people who do not have a personal relationship with God, they know about God, but they don't personally know Him. They do not have the Holy Spirit.

In John 16:13, Jesus called the Holy Spirit "the Spirit of truth," and said, "He will guide you into all the truth."

This is very important because as Jesus said in Matthew 24:24, "False messiahs and false prophets will rise up and perform great signs and wonders so as to deceive, if possible, even God's chosen ones." Without God's help, we will be deceived by Satan's lies. Through His Holy Spirit, God gives us a love for truth, and wisdom to understand what is true.

A testimony:

I asked God for the Holy Spirit a year ago, and He sent me situations, people, and books that helped me identify the Holy Spirit and live under its' influence. When you realize that only through the guidance of the Holy Spirit can you really serve God, you see many things differently. Every day we need the renewal of the Holy Spirit. After reading the booklet, Steps to Personal Revival, I understood that without the Holy Spirit, I cannot serve or worship God. As I read the booklet, I realized that God longs for us to live in close communion with Him and that we do everything together with Him. He protects us, guides us in all truth, gives us joy, fills us with his peace and love, and teaches us to serve Jesus and to live with Christ.

Another testimony:

In 2018 I heard about the book Steps to Personal Revival at a Pastor's Convention. That night I downloaded the book and began reading it on my phone. Even though I had been a Seventh-day Adventist Christian for 18 years and a Pastor for 8 years, this book changed my life and changed my ministry. The parable of the 10 virgin's was explained so simply and powerfully. It convicted me that I was living in my own strength and challenged me to pray for the Holy Spirit daily. When I started doing that it seriously transformed my life. I now have a closer relationship with the Lord then I could have ever imagined, an assurance of salvation and a peace that passes all understanding. I also been abundantly blessed with sharing this truth with others. Those who have read and applied these principles have also had their lives changed as well. It is just what the church needs in these last days.

Jesus Says Goodbye

Sabbath

Unscramble the letters to answers these questions.

Where is Jesus now?

___ VANEEH (See John 14:2)

Who is in Heaven right now?

___ ODG (Revelation 8:2)

___ LANSEG (Revelation 8:2)

A few ___ LEEPPO (Matthew 17:2, 3 and 27:52, 53)

___ SLAMANI (Isaiah 11:6)

Where is everyone else?

In ___ RAGSEV or ___ BOSTM (Matthew 27:5)

Or ___ VIALE (1 Thessalonians 4:17)



Answers from Sabbath: Heaven, God, Angels, People, Animals, Graves or Tombs and Alive.

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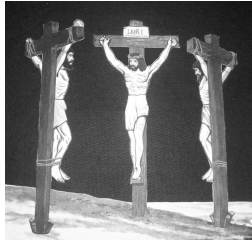
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Refer: Acts 1; Matthew 28:16-20; Luke 24:50-53; 1 Corinthians 15:3-7 NLT;

The Desire of Ages p818-835; The Acts of the Apostles p25-34; The Bible Story vol9 p187-192

Sunday

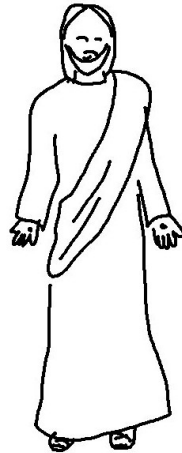
After Jesus was crucified then raised to life again, He visited His disciples several times. At one time, more than 500 people saw Him. He talked with His disciples, He ate with them, and He proved in many ways that He really was alive again!



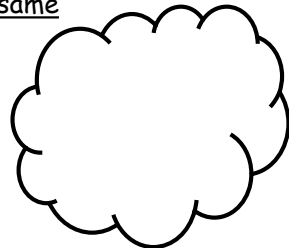
One day He said to them, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20_{NLT}) He also added, "Wait in Jerusalem until the Father sends you the Holy Spirit as He promised."

Jesus visited with His disciples for forty days.

One day Jesus led His disciples to the Mount of Olives. When He finished talking to them, He started rising into the air, up and up until He disappeared from sight! The disciples stood there looking up, wondering what had happened.



Suddenly they saw two men in white robes standing in front of them. The men (who were really angels) said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday He will return from heaven in the same way you saw Him go!" (Acts 1:11_{NLT})



Friday

For the people who love Jesus and know what is happening, the second coming will be amazingly, awesome, exciting, and thrilling. But there is another group of people who will be scared and terrified instead.

Have you ever seen fireworks? Would you use words like amazing and exciting to describe them? Fireworks are loud and bright, and they are amazing and beautiful – to people. Many dogs on the other hand, think they are terrifying, and they try to run away and hide from the loud noise.

Revelation 6:16 says that when Jesus comes, people will "call on the rocks to hide them." They want to run away and hide just like a terrified dog.

Which group do you want to be a part of? Make a habit to talk to Jesus every day; ask Him to forgive your sins and help you to be ready when He comes.

Draw some beautiful fireworks here

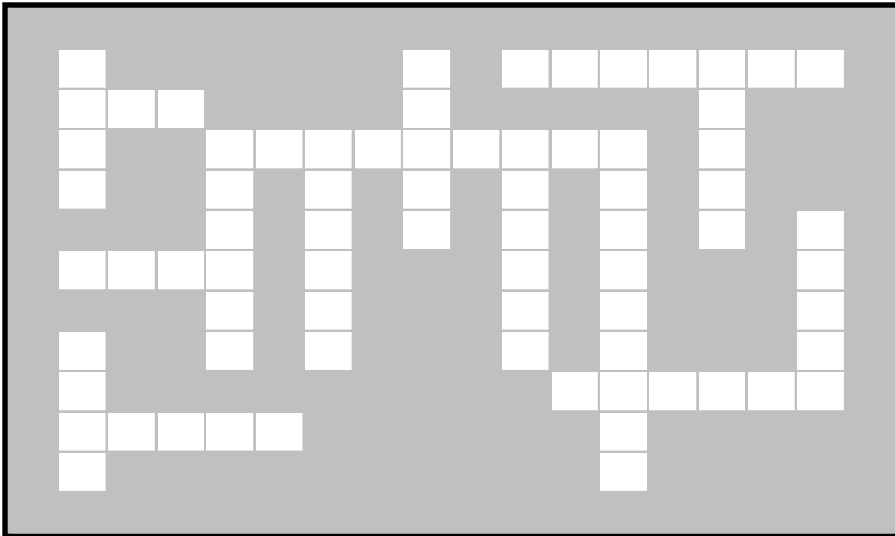


Thursday

Fit the **bold** words that describe Jesus' second coming into the grid below.

"For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the Christians who have died will rise from their graves. Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever." 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17_{NLT} Note that we meet Jesus in the air – He doesn't come to the ground this time.

"For as the lightning flashes in the east and shines to the west, so it will be when the Son of Man comes... And they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send out His angels with the mighty blast of a trumpet, and they will gather His chosen ones from all over the world—from the farthest ends of the earth." Matthew 24:27, 30, 31_{NLT}



Monday

From the beginning, Satan has been using lies to deceive people and hide what God is really like and what God is doing. Having an understanding of what the Bible says about the second coming can help you identify several of Satan's lies.

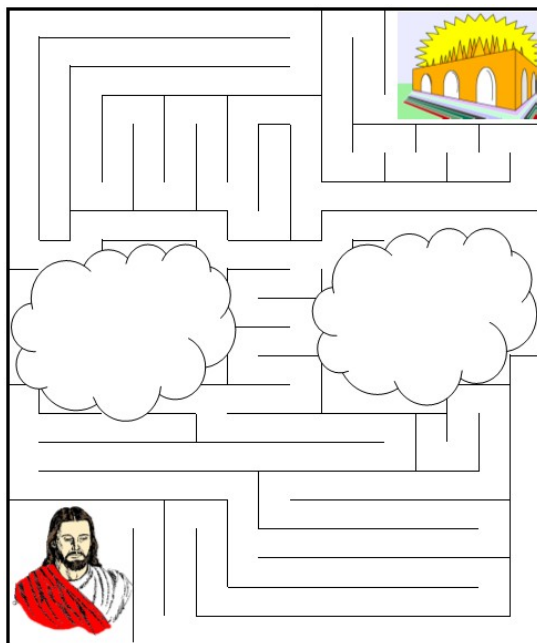
Satan Says	Jesus Says
When you die you go straight to Heaven or Hell. Or, you don't really die - you just change into something else, like an animal or insect.	When you die you wait in the grave until Jesus comes again. (See Ecclesiastes 9:5 and 1 Thessalonians 4:16)
Jesus is not coming again	What does John 14:3 say?
Jesus has already come	Matthew 24:23 says "If anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' ... do not believe it." _{NIV} When Jesus comes will it be: <input type="checkbox"/> LOUD or <input type="checkbox"/> QUIET <input type="checkbox"/> DARK or <input type="checkbox"/> BRIGHT (1 Thessalonians 4:16 and Matthew 24:27) Is there any way someone could miss Jesus' coming?
Jesus is not coming for a long time	In Matthew 24, Jesus gave the signs to watch for the end of the world. It cannot be too far away now, but as Ecclesiastes 9:5 said, once you are dead, that is it, you cannot change your mind. You need to decide to follow Jesus now while YOU have time.
Jesus will come on a particular date	Matthew 24:36 says that no one knows the ____ or ____

Are you watching for Satan's lies?

Tuesday

While they watched Jesus rose into the clouds. Find a path from Jesus through the clouds to Heaven.

Solve the code below to find out something very important that Jesus said in Matthew 28:20^{NLT}



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In his gospel, Matthew quotes the prophet Isaiah saying Jesus is 'Immanuel' which means 'God with us.' Matthew 1:23, Isaiah 7:14

In John 14:26^{ESV}, Jesus tells His disciples about, "The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name."

Jesus is God in His human form. But now, Jesus is with us in the form of 'God – the Holy Spirit'

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Wednesday

Find the words that the angels said which are underlined on Sunday.

Fill in the missing words from the Bible verses below

1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17^{NLT}

First, the Christians who have _____ will rise from their graves. Then, together with them, we who are still _____ and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

Revelation 1:7^{NLT}

Look! He comes with the _____ of heaven. And _____ one will see Him.

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