

Sermon Series – “Why I Believe”

Part 21 – “From Jerusalem Stalls to Jasper Walls”

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Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 3:16

Not long after the fall of Adam and Eve, when creation felt the _____ of sin, God made a promise that a Savior would be born who would crush the head of the serpent that brought death into the world. This _____ news brought hope to the hearts of the hearers then as it did that holy night to the _____ shepherds a few miles south of _____, when Christ was born in a stall for feeding animals. There, in Bethlehem of _____, was the Seed who would one day be held in the _____ of death’s prison, as He paid the price for our sins. But this rock-hewn _____ couldn’t hold Him as He would come forth from the tomb the Resurrection and the Life. Now He is preparing a place where all who believe in Him and obey His will, will _____ Him when He returns to receive them. Let us follow Him through the Word on this _____ to the place He has in store and discover the _____ yet to be created in the earth made new.

Journeying with Jesus to the New Earth (1 Timothy 3:16)

1. Why must the journey begin with _____ coming in the flesh? *1 Co. 15:21; Gal 4:4*
2. What is meant by Jesus being _____ by the Spirit? *Rom. 1:1-4; 8:11*
3. Why did Paul _____ that Christ was seen by angels? *Matt 28:2; Luke 24:1-6*
4. Why did Paul, a _____, testify of the gospel among the gentiles? *Rm. 1:16; Ep 2:14-19*
5. What words of promise does _____ (and others) record about the glory that awaits God’s children? *John 14:1-3; Revelation 21:9-21; Multiple Verses*

God’s original purpose in the creation of the earth is fulfilled as it is made the eternal abode of the redeemed. “The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein forever.” Psalm 37:29. ¶A fear of making the future inheritance seem too material has led many to spiritualize away the very truths which lead us to look upon it as our home. Christ assured His disciples that He went to prepare mansions for them in the Father’s house. Those who accept the teachings of God’s word will not be wholly ignorant concerning the heavenly abode. And yet, “eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.” 1 Corinthians 2:9. Human language is inadequate to describe the reward of the righteous. It will be known only to those who behold it. No finite mind can comprehend the glory of the Paradise of God.

– The Great Controversy, p. 674

By God’s grace, will you journey with Christ to your New Jerusalem home?