

BEHOLD! JESUS CHRIST

INTRO: No fewer than 14 different Greek words are sometimes translated “behold” in the KJV. Today, we would perhaps exclaim, “Look!” or “See!” Many of the times these words are used they invite us to look upon the character & work of Jesus. Let us take a brief journey thru the life of Jesus as revealed in the N.T., & behold Him as He is.

I. BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY”

READ LUKE 2:10-11.

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold the virgin shall conceive & bear a Son, & shall call His name Immanuel (Isa. 7:14).

II. BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD.

John saw Jesus coming toward him, & said, “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29).

Again, the next day, John stood with 2 of his disciples, & looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” (John 1:35-36).

III. BEHOLD HOW HE LOVED... READ JOHN 11:33-36

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends. (John 15:13).

Rom. 5:8; John 3:16

IV. BEHOLD THE MAN OF SORROWS. READ JOHN 19:4-5.

READ ISAIAH 53:3-4

V. BEHOLD YOUR KING!

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold your King is coming to you; He is just & having salvation, lowly & riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey (Zech. 9:9).

Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover [Friday of

Passover Week] & about the 6th hour. And [Pilate] said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" (John 19:14).

Jesus, when He had cried out again with a loud voice, yielded up His spirit. And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in 2 from top to bottom & the earth quaked, & the rocks were split... (MT 27:50-51).

NOTE: Can the scene that split the veil of the temple & broke up the bed rock of Jerusalem make no impact on our hearts? BEHOLD YOUR KING!

VI. BEHOLD THE EMPTY TOMB. READ MARK 16:5-6.

But Peter arose & ran to the tomb, & stooping down, he saw [KJV: beheld] the linen cloths lying by themselves; & he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened. (Luke 24:39).

Behold My hands & My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me & see, for a spirit does not have flesh & bones as you see I have. (Luke 24:39)

VII. BEHOLD HE IS COMING AGAIN! READ ACTS 1:10-11

NOTE: Several comings of Jesus are mentioned in the N.T. His first coming was to be born of a virgin. Several spiritual comings are mentioned: in the power of the H.S., JN 14:18; in the establishment of His kingdom, MT 16:28; in threats & promises to the 7 churches of Asia, Rev. 2:5; 3:20; in the destruction of Jerusalem, LK 20:16. And finally, He will come again personally, literally at the end of the world to raise the dead & judge & reward or punish every accountable person who has ever lived on the earth.

Behold, He is coming with clouds & every eye will see Him, & they also who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. (Rev. 1:7).

God's revelation to man closes with this promise: He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come Lord Jesus! The grace of our Lord

Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. (Rev. 22:20-21).

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