

## Come, Lord Jesus

### Revelation 22:12-21

#### A. The Revelation Of Jesus

1. We have seen Scripture is full of invitations.
2. As said, one of God's favourite words is "Come"
3. Today, we come to the final invitation.
4. A person's final words are said to carry more weight than any others they utter.
5. It is significant that the last written words are an invitation, a prayer & a promise.
6. The last promise is "I come quickly"
7. The last invitation is "*Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus*"
8. The last invitation is a prayer by John for Jesus to return
9. H. A. Ironside: "Surely every believing heart can join in the apostle's prayer"
10. The final words of the Bible emphasize the promise of the return of Jesus.
11. It also lays out our response to this promise of His coming.
12. It presents a call to readiness, an invitation to salvation, & a promise of blessing.
13. "Come, Lord Jesus" expresses the longing of the Church for Christ's return.

#### B. Why Did John Invite Jesus to Return?

1. John had seen the results of the world's rebellion.
2. John had seen man at his worst.
  - a. He had been there when Jesus was rejected and betrayed.
  - b. He had stood at the cross when Christ was crucified.
  - c. He had known many of the martyrs and had been exiled for his faith.
3. Jesus had given John a panorama of prophecy, a view of the future.
4. John knew the certainty of Christ's return (v. 12-13)
  - a. He had witnessed a preview of the wrath of the Lamb (Rev. 6).
  - b. He had been given a glimpse of the coming Great Tribulation.
5. John had inside information on things others only speculate about.
  - a. He had seen the rise of the beast and the false prophet (Rev. 13).
  - b. He had seen previews of the Battle of Armageddon (Rev. 14).
6. Having seen all of this violence, he longed for the return of the Prince of Peace.

#### C. John Had Seen the Glory of Christ's Return

1. He had a vision of believers in heaven filled with praise in Rev 4:1
2. He had heard the songs of the saints from every tribe and nation.
3. John witnessed the marriage of the Lamb & His bride, the Church (Rev. 19).
  - a. He had seen the Bridegroom on horseback returning to reign.
  - b. He marvelled at the majesty of KING OF KINGS & LORD OF LORDS.
4. John had seen the new Jerusalem coming down of heaven (Rev. 21).
5. John had firsthand information of the rewards of Christ for His people (v12)
6. The blessing of those who are ready those who wash their robes.

7. John was ready for the vision to become reality & to take place.
8. John longed for that coming great day. "Behold, I am coming soon!"
9. He comes with rewards according to our deeds.
10. Jesus declares His eternal nature: "I am the Alpha and the Omega."
11. Do we live in readiness and faithfulness, knowing that Christ will return?
12. Is your life surrendered to Christ so that you may receive His eternal reward?

#### **D. John Wanted to See His Returning King**

1. John had been exiled on that island of Patmos long enough.
2. John wanted to see Jesus to reminisce about their days on earth together.
3. John wanted the new body that will never grow old.
4. John wanted to hold those nail-scarred hands & meet his Saviour face to face.
5. Jesus identifies as "the Root and Offspring of David", "the Bright Morning Star."
6. This shows His authority, eternal nature, & role as the bringer of hope & light.
7. Just as the morning star (Venus) heralds the dawn of a new day, Jesus signifies the promise of a new beginning and eternal life for believers.
8. These descriptions underscore His dual identity as both divine and human, bridging the gap between God and humanity.
9. He had been given the open invitation to all who thirst for salvation. (v17)
10. God's grace is freely offered to those who will receive it.
11. If you have not accepted Christ, now is the time to respond to His call.

#### **E. Jesus Warns Against Adding or Taking Away From Scripture (v.18-19)**

1. We need to be careful with misquoting passages, or taking out of context.
2. Do we think the way we read a passage is the only way it could be understood.
3. Is it the way the initial listeners understood it? Or has our understanding been coloured by our cultural, generational & historical worldview grid?
4. The whole of Scripture needs to guide us in our daily walk.
5. The integrity of Scripture is divinely protected.
6. Do we treat it with that level of respect? The level it deserves?
7. Those who reject God's Word risk losing their share in the tree of life. (v18-19)
8. We need to hold firm to the truth of God's Word and live by it.
9. This reaffirms Jesus' comments earlier in this chapter. (Rev 22:7-9)

#### **F. The Final Prayer and Promise (v. 20-21)**

1. Jesus affirms: "Surely, I am coming soon." John responds: "Come, Lord Jesus!"
2. The book ends with a final blessing: "The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all."
3. Can you pray John's prayer with confidence?
4. Are you like John, longing for Christ's return while resting in His grace.
5. Jesus' return is imminent; are we ready for Him to come?
6. He offers eternal life—will we respond to His invitation?
7. As believers, we anticipate His coming with joy and expectation.
8. Invite Him into your life, then you can invite Him to return.