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John 20:14, “*And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.*”

In John 20 Mary Magdalene was at the tomb after Jesus’s resurrection. She saw Jesus standing, but didn’t know it was Jesus. There are certainly many reasons she didn’t know it was Jesus to whom she was talking. It was dark at this time of day. Jesus had been dead and she probably was not expecting Him to be standing there. She was greatly distressed and perhaps looking down and tears filling her eyes. Regardless of the reasons, she saw Jesus, but didn’t know it was Him.

How many people are doing this today. They plainly “see” Jesus, but don’t know it’s Him. They see Jesus in worship and hearing the lessons. They see Jesus when others are talking about Jesus. They hear many things about Jesus, but yet they know not Him.

Much of the world “sees” Jesus in that they have a familiarity with Jesus, but they don’t know Him. We have the Bible all about us. Worship services are available multiple times throughout the week

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to visit in person or online. Laws of the land offer no resistance at all to our ability to freely worship. Yet, people do not know Jesus.

They don’t know Jesus because they are not obeying Him. To “see” Jesus is not enough. We must give our lives over to Him and obey Him all our days. If we want to see and be with Jesus after this life, then we must see and know Him now. John 17:3, “*And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*”

—Marty Edwards❖

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Genesis 8:22, “*While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.*”

This Friday, December 21, is the first day of winter in the northern hemisphere. For our location, winter officially arrives at 4:22 p.m. This is the shortest day of the year. We know from the promise in Genesis 8:22 that winter will come each year.

Winter is typically a difficult time of year. It’s especially hard on farmers keeping livestock fed and keeping water unfrozen for the stock. It’s much harder to work outside and do many activities due to the cold weather.

Jesus noted the difficulty of winter. In referring to the pending flight out of Jerusalem, Jesus said in Matthew 24:20 and Mark 13:18, “*Pray ye that your flight be not in the winter.*” Jesus knew it would be hard to travel and take care of little ones if they traveled during the winter.

Note that Jesus did not say He would remove winter for them when it came time for them to depart. He simply said for them to pray that their flight would not be in the winter.

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News

—Continue to remember **Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Shirley Parson, Erin Davis, and Leon Seaton.** Erin has been approved for a treatment that will hopefully relieve her chronic pain. The first procedure is working and her pain levels are much lower.

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Paul wrote to Timothy in II Timothy 4:21, “*Do thy diligence to come before winter.*” Paul knew if Timothy did not come before winter, it might be many months before he could come.

In a way winter metaphorically represents hard times in our lives. There are going to be much tougher times for us than at other times. We will not be able to stop these times as those fleeing Jerusalem could not stop winter. We simple pray that times will be easier and bearable for us.

Like Timothy being told to come before winter, we need to do things in life before “winter” sets in. We need to accomplish things for the LORD while we are in good health and certainly while we have our mental abilities.

There will be many “winters” to come in our life. We certainly have a physical winter each year, but there will be many winters of life that are hard times.

What gives us hope during the cold winter? The hope of spring and warm weather. We can endure the hardships of a physical winter knowing much dryer and warmer times will soon be here.

Likewise, we can endure any other “winters” of life because we know better days are coming. For those in the LORD those better days will be eternal and never end.

—Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, December 9, 2018		
Classes	15	Hebrews 8:11-9:5
Preaching	21	I Chronicles 22:1-19
Contribution	\$1117.00	
Evening	14	Matthew 5:17-37
Wednesday, December 12, 2018		
Classes	16	I Chronicles 21:1-30

Bible Quiz

The LORD commanded the angel and he put his sword where?

Last Week’s Answer—Brother (I Chronicles 20:5)

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Song of Solomon 2:11-12, “¹¹*For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; ¹²The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.*”

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)