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John 11:20, "Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat [still] in the house."

In John 11 we have the account of where Jesus is returning to the place where Lazarus had died. Word came to Martha that Jesus was coming. When she heard this, she went out to meet Him.

I can't help but think about how many people hear that Jesus is coming, yet do nothing to prepare to meet Him. We know that Jesus is coming again. When Jesus was returning to Heaven, the ones watching Him were told in Acts 1:11, "Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

Just two verses earlier we are told this about Jesus in Acts 1:9, "And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight."

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When Jesus returns, it will be in the clouds. Revelation 1:7, "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they [also] which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen." Jesus will return in the clouds, and every eye shall see Him. That is not just the eyes of a few like when He ascended back into Heaven, but every eye.

It's the eyes of those who are living as well as the eyes of all who have ever lived or have yet to be born. We know this because those who pierced Jesus will see Him. I feel John was told to write this because he would have seen this personally at the cross. No doubt it was a very hard act for John to see. They were cruelly piercing the body of the LORD after He had died. They and all humanity of all time, including us, will see Jesus when He returns.

Jesus will return in glory and with all His holy angels. Matthew 25:31, "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory." What a glorious sight to behold—Jesus returning in His glory with all the holy angels. We don't know how many angels there are, but we get a general idea from Revelation 5:11, "And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands." That number alone if taken literally is 100 million, but there are thousands and thousands on top of that. When Jesus returns, the sky will be full.

Jesus will also come with all His saints. Paul wrote in I Thessalonians 3:13, "To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints." We know that the saints are the saved. Jesus, all His holy angels, and all His saints will be there at His coming in glory.

When Jesus comes, He is not coming to establish His kingdom. That was done on the day of Pentecost. We know it was established very continued on next page...



—Continue to remember Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Shirley Parson, Brad Terry, and Denise Miller (the sister of Sharon Franklin).

—Congratulations to Allen & Brenna Riffle on the birth of **Violet Rose Riffle** on May 7 at 9:15 p.m. She weighed 8lbs 9oz and was 20" long. She is welcomed to the family by older sister Lillian. Keep Violet in prayer. Her collar bone was broken during birth.

—Congratulations to **Andrew Crabtree** who graduated Friday night from Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College. He has an Associate degree in Applied Science, Computer and Information Technologies, Networking.

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soon after Jesus was upon Earth. Matthew 16:28, "Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom." There were many standing there who would still be alive when the kingdom came. It happened very soon.

What of those who are still alive when Jesus comes again? I Thessalonians 4:16-17, "¹⁶ For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: ¹⁷ Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

Jesus will not only return in glory with all His holy angels and all the saints, but there will be a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and the trump of God. Those still living will meet the LORD in the air and ever be with the LORD. The earth will be destroyed. II Peter 3:10, "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."

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Sunday, May 5, 2019		
Classes	24	James 1:1-5
Preaching	31	Mark 10:35-11:3
Contribution	\$924.00	
Evening	15	Singing (Psalm 149:1-9)
Wednesday, May 8, 2019		
Classes	15	II Chronicles 13:1-22

Visitors—

May 5 (AM) John Lay (Glasgow, KY) & Jordan Strother (Uno, KY)

May 5 (PM) Margaret Sandidge (Hardyville, KY)

May 8 (Wed) Ken & Erin Davis (Shady Side, MD)

Bible Quiz

The acts, ways, and sayings of Abijah are written where?

Last Week's Answer—Shields of gold (II Chronicles 12:9)

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Jesus is coming. We know not when, but let's be ready. Let's be like Martha and be ready to meet Him at His coming. What a glorious event that will be. We want to be with the saved who go to ever be with the LORD. The only way we can is to prepare now for His coming and live every day of our lives for the LORD.

—Marty Edwards❖

-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)