



NEW LONGING FOR JESUS

Nehemiah 13, Zechariah

But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless, and at peace with him.

- 2 Peter 3:13-14

Disappointment is an opportunity to long more for Jesus!

Notes from Nehemiah 7-13 & Zechariah:

*see chart below on fulfillment of prophecy

Closing points:

Convert disappointment into desire for Jesus and know:

1. God's plan is unfolding
2. The King is coming
3. The kingdom is closer than ever

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Meditate on some New Testament verses that speak of the Lord's return: John 14:1-6, 1 Corinthians 15:50-58, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, 2 Peter 3:3-15, Revelation 19-22
- Read "The Second Coming of Christ" by David Jeremiah - <https://davidjeremiah.blog/the-second-coming-of-christ/>
- Listen to "Come Jesus Come" - www.youtube.com/watch?v=wu4VV54ZcFo
- Listen to "There was Jesus" - www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZXRIw5uBuY
- Watch "The Second Coming of Christ" by Tony Evans: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ejd_7xHizRU
- Remember to pray about who you can invite to watch The Chosen with you this week!
- The Chosen Trailer: www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-AJdKty74M

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. We talked about times in Scripture when God's people experienced disappointment. Share about a time in Scripture you remember. How was God at work during that time?
3. In what ways have you experienced disappointment lately? In what ways has the Lord encouraged you in the midst of that disappointment – or do you need some encouragement today?
4. In your own words, how can we convert our disappointments into a greater desire for Jesus?
5. What are you doing specifically right now to nurture a greater hunger for Jesus? What could that look like?
6. We looked at several prophecies in Zechariah – which one stood out to you and why?
7. Read 2 Peter 3:10-15. How does God's revelation about the future shape how we are to live in the present? (Consider 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 as well)
8. Read Revelation 21:1-4. What are you most looking forward to about the Lord's return and our future home in heaven? Why?
9. As you think back over our whole series on Ezra, Esther, and Nehemiah, what is something you feel the Lord has been teaching you during this season?

PROPHECIES IN ZECHARIAH FULFILLED BY JESUS	
PROPHECY	FULFILLMENT
“I am going to bring my Servant, the Branch. See the Stone I have set in front of Joshua” (Zech 3:8-9)	Jesus is in “The Branch” in the line of David (Matthew 1:1, Matthew 2:23), the “Servant” of Isaiah 52-53 (1 Peter 2:21-25), and the Cornerstone (1 Peter 2:4-8)
“And he will be a priest on his throne” (Zech 2:13)	Jesus is King and Priest (Hebrews 7:16-17, 8:1-6)
“See your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey” (Zech 9:9)	Jesus enters Jerusalem on Palm Sunday on a donkey (Matthew 21:1-5)
“So they paid me thirty pieces of silver. And the Lord said to me, ‘Throw it to the potter’ – the handsome price at which they valued me! So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them to the potter at the house of the Lord.” (Zech 11:12-13)	Jesus is betrayed by Judas for 30 pieces of silver (Matthew 26:14-16). After Judas throws the money into the temple, the priests use it to buy a potter’s field. (Matthew 27:6-10)
“Strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered” (Zech 13:7)	Jesus quotes this verse to explain to his disciples about how they will fall away from him (Matthew 26:31)
“They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child...” (Zech 12:10)	John quotes from this verse to show its fulfillment in the crucifixion of Jesus (John 19:37)
“On that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem... The Lord will be King over the whole earth. On that day there will be one Lord, and his name the only name.” (Zech 14:4-9)	Jesus will return to the Mount of Olives, win the final battle against the armies of the kings of the earth, and begin reigning over the whole earth (Revelation 19:11-20:7, Acts 1:10-12)