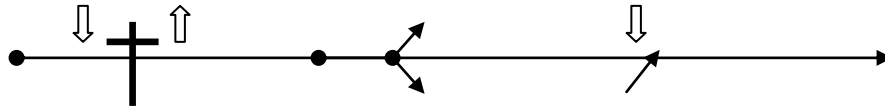


“Today. With Me. Paradise.”

Jesus' Claims About The Present And Future Heavens

Lu. 23:26-43 (884); Matt. 19:23-28 (824); Jo. 6:41-59 (892)

“The kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Mk. 1:15)! With these soul stirring words Jesus the Messiah began his earthly ministry, a dizzying three-year circuit of public preaching, supernatural miracles, and – above all – making disciples. They were Jesus-followers who 1) would live for God and 2) were persuaded Jesus IS God, and 3) had their hearts and minds set upon heaven. Today, behold the ministry of Jesus, the God-Man who “came down from heaven” (Jo. 6:41, 51, 58) to reveal the eternal glories of being “with Me.”



I. He pronounced to _____ from _____ (John 6).

1. Jesus argued to people who _____ his _____ he “came from _____.”
2. Five times in John 6 he claims _____ was his _____ (v33,38,41,51,58) .
3. Critical to his claim is the _____ of the _____ (Jn. 1:1, 14).

II. He predicted a _____ of all things – “in the _____ world” (Mt. 19:28).

1. The present heaven is a _____ heaven. Jesus returns to _____!
2. Paul uses this same word in Titus 3:5 – “the washing of _____.”
3. Believe that this physical universe is not to be _____ but _____.

III. He promised a _____ sinner immediate entrance into heaven (Lk 23:42).

1. In the midst of trials, we (like Christ) ought to fix our _____ upon _____.
2. Review your _____: is it as precise as this _____ confession?
3. Review the Westminster Confession’s teaching on the _____ heaven
(Shorter Catechism 36-38; Larger Catechism 84-87; Confession chap. 32-33)
4. Give _____ to a God who faithfully _____ to Himself!