Angels: The Messengers of Christ’s Coming

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An Angel = “One Who Brings News”

• Angels are “God’s News Announcers”
  • Bringing News From God to Man

• They Had the First Word about Jesus’ Coming
• They Had the Last Word about His 2\textsuperscript{nd} Coming
Angels Had the First Word About Christ

• They Announced His Coming to Mary

• Luke 1:30–33 (NIV84) — 30 But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. 31 You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.”
• An Angel Announced Christ’s Coming to Joseph

• Matthew 1:20–21 (NIV84) — 20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”
• **Angels** Announced **Christ’s Coming** to the **Shepherds**

• **Luke 2:9–12 (NIV84)** — 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”
• The Best Gift of Christmas Is the Gift We Need the Most: A Savior!
• Luke 2:10-11 (NIV)  
  10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.  
  11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.
• **The Angel Said Do Not Be Afraid:**

• Don’t Allow Fear To Destroy Your Peace, *Or Drain Your Energy*

• **The Gospel Is The Cure For Fear**

• There Is **No Reason To Run From God In Fear... There Is Every Reason To Come To Him... In Faith**
What is a Savior?
• A Savior is One Who Saves
• One Who Does What We Cannot Do

• The GREAT NEWS of Christmas is:
• God has Sent His Son

The Savior Has Come!
• Jesus Saves From the Effects of Sin
• We Need What Only Jesus Can Do
• Jesus= a Gift For Whoever Will Receive

• John 3:16 (NIV) 16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."
• The Greatest Gift = The Greatest News: Jesus Christ is Our Lord and Savior

• Jesus is a Savior Who Bought Our Pardon

• He Was and Is LOVE!
• The Angels Message to Mary, Joseph and The Shepherds:

  Don’t Be Afraid ... A Savior is Born!

  He Is Jesus Christ The Lord
• The Angels Had the First Message: God Has Sent Us a Savior

• The Angels Had Another Message:

• Acts 1:11 (NIV) 11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."
• The First Word = Jesus Is Coming

• The Last Word = Jesus Is Coming Again!
• Angels Announce to Disciples: Jesus is Coming Again

1. Why Do You Stand Here Looking at the Sky?

2. This Same Jesus Will Come Back

3. He Will Return in the Same Way You Saw Him Leave
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• He Left with a Gift – Holy Spirit Outpoured
  • He Returns with a Gift – Eternal Life & Kingdom

• He Left with a Promise of Power
  • He Returns with a Great Display of Power

• He Left in the Clouds
  • He Returns in the Clouds
• **Revelation 1:7 (NIV)** 7 Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen.

• **Revelation 22:20 (NIV)** 20 "Yes, I am coming soon."
• Before He Returns – He Will Catch Away His Church – Those Who Are His

• 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 (NIV)  

15 According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.  
16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.  
17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

• The Catching Away is The Rapture

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When We Are Caught Up (Raptured):

- *The Dead in Christ Rise First*
- We’ll Be Transformed in the Twinkling of an Eye
- *We’ll Meet Christ in the Air*
- We’ll Be United with Christ
- *We’ll Be Taken to the Father’s House*
- We’ll Be United with Loved Ones
- *No One Knows the Day of Hour*
- Those Not Ready will be Left Behind
- *The events of the Tribulation will Follow*
• The Way To Face the Future Victoriously: We Must Face it with JESUS

• Stay Close to Jesus
• He is Our Hope and Our Salvation

• Stay Close to the Body of Christ
• We Build Each Other Up in The Faith
• We Need To Stay In The Church & The Word

• (Rev. 22:20 NIV) “Yes, I Am Coming Soon.”

• The Way To The Christ Starts At The Manger – Goes Through The Cross And Ends In The Clouds Of Glory

• Jesus has Come & He Is Coming Again
  • He Left in the Clouds
  • He’ll Return in the Clouds