



Cannock Christadelphians Newsletter

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What we believe concerning...

... when Jesus will return. We believe that the return of Jesus Christ to the earth is now very near. Jesus himself gave us some very clear indicators to look for, and many of them have been witnessed by the present generation. Luke records many things for us to look for: the destruction of Jerusalem (in AD70)^a; the Jews being scattered throughout the world^b; the restoration of Jerusalem to the Jews^b, as happened in 1948 (the State of Israel) and then in 1967 (the six-day war). The verses that follow tell us of "**signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars**"^c - these control the earth's functions; then of "**distress of nations, with perplexity**"^c - never before has humanity been so concerned about the effects of its own 'progress!' "**Men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth.**"^d - what an accurate description of today! But we are told categorically: "**THEN they will see the Son of**

Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."^e

Who they were...

Meet Thomas. Have you heard the phrase 'a doubting Thomas'? It is used to describe someone who doesn't have faith in a person, or planned event. It comes from the account of Thomas in the New Testament, as he refused to believe in the resurrection of Christ unless he could see him and touch the wounds in his hands and side. There are other things to remember about Thomas though! He was chosen as one of the twelve disciples by Christ and took the part along with the other faithful ten (Judas Iscariot was unfaithful). It was Thomas who encouraged the others

to go along and die with Christ when they believed he was going towards his death at Jerusalem. Following Christ's resurrection and ascension, Thomas received the Holy Spirit (God's power) with the others and helped to spread the Gospel. It just goes to show how easy it is to remember someone's bad points, even when they are somewhat outweighed by good ones! An interesting fact about Thomas is that he was probably a twin.

- ^a Luke 21 v 20
- ^b Like 21 v 24
- ^c Luke 21 v 25
- ^d Luke 21 v 26
- ^e Luke 21 v 27

UPCOMING EVENTS

You're welcome at any of the following:

- Friday 10th July 5pm
Junior Youth Group
Water games & BBQ.
- Sunday 12th July 6pm
Bible talk
Death – the grave – then what?
- Monday 13th July
10:30am
Mums and Tots
- Friday 17th July 7pm
Youth Group
Water games & BBQ.
- Sunday 19th July 6pm
Bible talk
Do moral standards matter?
- Sunday 26th July 6pm
Bible talk
True baptism essential for salvation.
- Sunday 2nd August
2:30pm
Bible talk
The importance and challenge of truth.

Life's big questions

Is there more to life than this? What is the world coming to? Why should I believe in a God I cannot see? Why does God allow suffering? Has science disproved the Bible? To explore the answers to these and other questions visit

www.lifes-big-questions.org



There are booklets to download, presentations that can be viewed online or you can request a free DVD to watch at your leisure.



We also hold a Bible study class most Wednesday evenings at 7:45pm. Please see our website for further details.