

60-Day New Testament Journey
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Memorize

Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll. – Revelation 22:7, NIV

Connect With Others

1. **Where is one of the most beautiful places you've ever been? Describe its beauty and what you appreciated about it.**

Relate this question to how we might view heaven.

2. **Describe the most beautiful wedding you've attended. What was it like seeing (or being) the bride or groom?**

Relate this question to the ultimate wedding, when we are joined with Christ in heaven.

Commit to Growth

Read Revelation 21

1. **What is the result when all evil and its consequences are removed from earth (v.4-5)? Why did John have to write down these things?**

If you recall, John's purpose in writing was to offer hope of Christ's return to those who were being persecuted for the faith. What hope this must to the disciples, knowing their would be a day that there would be no more death, no crying or pain, for the old order will have passed away. God will make everything new!

2. **What does "overcome" mean (v.7)? What inheritance will those who overcome receive? What does this word mean to you today? (See Romans 8:37; 1 Corinthians 15:57; 1 John 5:4)?**

According to John's own definition, to be an "overcomer" is to be a Christian (1 John 5:4). Therefore anyone who exercises saving faith in Jesus overcomes and will receive a spiritual inheritance that is the fullness of the new creation (Romans 8:16,17).

3. **John's vision of the Holy City is obviously strongly symbolic. But the Holy City pictures "the bride, the wife of the Lamb" (21:9-10; 21:2). What does John's vision of the Holy City tell us about the way that Jesus looks at His church?**

As a groom, Jesus sees her as his precious bride, longing to see her face and to be with her. It's a very endearing word picture of the tenderness, love and joy that his church will bring Him, once all things are made new.

4. **How is the Holy City described in verses 12-14? What do you think is the significance of the foundation and the gates?**

A great and high wall securely encloses the heavenly city. This majestic wall depicts for us the divine protection and security God ministers to His people. At the twelve gates stand twelve angels. Just as the cherubim stood guard at the entrance to the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:24); so, too, the angels of God guard the entrance to the heavenly Jerusalem. It is significant that the names of the twelve apostles form the foundation of the city, while the twelve tribes of Israel form the gateway into the city. The point being made is that the gospel preached by the apostles—the good news of salvation by faith in Jesus Christ, God's Son—has always been the way of salvation from the time of Adam. The fact that the twelve tribes of Israel are described as the gateway to the heavenly city is portraying the fact that "salvation is from the Jews" (John 4:22); that is to say, God ordained that the Savior of the world would come from the nation of Israel.

5. **How has your reading and study of the New Testament over the 60 Day New Testament Journey enhanced your view of the Bible? How has it affected your trust in God?**
6. **What do you hope to carry with you from your time spent reading the New Testament over the last 60 days? What is your biggest takeaway?**

Pray

Take some time to praise God for the good things he has done in you and through you during these last 60 Days!