**Q66. Where is Jesus now?**

Jesus is alive, and His body is exalted in heaven, where He is preparing a place for His redeemed people and interceding for them in the presence of God the Father.

**Q67. When will Jesus return?**

Jesus will physically return according to the will of God. Until then, we are commanded to be faithful servants and wise stewards.

Come, Lord Jesus!

1. How has this lesson has helped you understand where Jesus is now?
2. Read John 14:2-3.

In the lesson we heard this: “In this, Jesus is pointing out to them His ascension. Jesus says this to draw His follower’s minds away from seeking a makeshift, temporary, earthly kingdom and instead to seek the better, eternal one to come. He says this to provide support to them of the hope of glory that trumps all temporary troubles. This verse also confirms the fullness and sufficiency of room for all His redeemed people. God most assuredly will provide our eternal dwelling place. Prior to His second coming, in heaven, then, ultimately, in the new creation.”

1. How have you struggled by seeking temporary prosperity in this temporary earth instead of seeking eternal things?
2. What are ways you have or haven’t rested in the *hope of glory that trumps all temporary troubles*?
3. Express comforts this passage gives you in seeing the fullness and sufficiency of room for all God’s redeemed people.
4. “We deserve the fire that never ceases in hell, but God redeemed us from that punishment and instead will give us—the saved—room in His holy dwelling!” Pause and pray thankfulness for God’s saving grace which brings us to communion with Him and eternal security.
5. Read Matthew 25:1-13.

The primary point of this parable is that true followers of Christ must be ready, prepared, and looking forward with anticipation and excitement to the return of Jesus.

1. Are you living your life in this readiness and anticipation?

How have you struggled in the past in not having a biblical mindset of Christ’s second coming?

1. How does the passage we read encourage you to see the importance of biblical readiness and anticipation?
2. Read Matthew 25:14-30.

The primary point of this parable is that true followers of Christ must be good stewards of everything God has given us.

1. List some things covered by “everything God has given us.”

Time, relationships, mental ability to study the Bible, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What things are you not stewarding well?
2. How does the passage we read encourage you to see the importance of Christian stewardship?
3. In what ways can you steward these things in more God honoring ways?
4. In the lesson we heard, “Many of you are familiar with the speculation and controversy that surrounds the topic of this question. Maybe some of you have found yourself caught up in some falsehood or speculation around this topic. Maybe some of you have an ongoing unhealthy participation in speculation or such around this topic.” If you have struggled in this, use this opportunity to acknowledge and repent of past thought or behavior that wasn’t biblical. Who can you reach out to to confess and ask for encouragement in being more biblical moving forward?

Spend time in prayer:

Pray thankfulness for Christ’s current ministry in Heaven.

Pray thankfulness for the planned, coming return of Christ.

Pray for boldness of our gospel testimony. Pray for salvation for those you know who are not yet saved.

Pray for our church leadership and other members. Pray for other churches. Pray for our missionaries.

Pray for the world, country, state, and city.