Ready For The Christ Of Christmas? KZ Lesson Sun Am 11/28/21

Today we are going to learn about getting ready for Jesus and staying ready for Him. What does it look like when we’re ready? That’s right! Being ready means that we are patient, we wait, and we watch.

Okay, are you ready to start our lesson today? I see you’re ready because you are waiting patiently. They are a lot of things that we get ready for, name a few?

Are you ready for Christmas? You will hear that question many times over the next several weeks. Let’s find out what people mean when they ask that question. Raise your hand if your Christmas tree is up and your house is decorated.

There’s another question that we should be asking ourselves today. It’s more important than "Are you ready for Christmas?" The more important question is "Are you ready for the Christ of Christmas?"

Many years ago, a man named John the Baptist preached about what it means to be ready for Jesus. Are you ready to answer a question?

What do you think it means to be ready for Jesus?

John the Baptist was a different kind of man. He wore clothes made of camel's hair with a belt around his waist. His diet was rather unusual as well. He ate a diet of locusts and wild honey. Do you know what a locust is? Many of us today might call it a grasshopper. I'm not sure I would want to eat grasshoppers and honey. How about you?

John the Baptist traveled throughout the wilderness of Judea. His message to the people was to get ready for Jesus. John would shout loudly, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." What does it mean to repent? Does it just mean that you are sorry that you got caught or got into trouble? No! to repent means to be truly sorry that you that you did wrong and to never mean to do it again,

Are you ready for Jesus? What does it mean to be ready for Jesus? It means to love Jesus with all your heart and to live for Him everyday.

Many people were ready for Jesus. So they came to John the Baptist. They confessed their sins to God and were baptized by John in the Jordan River. After John baptized the people, he told them, "I baptize you with water for repentance. But there is one coming who is more powerful than I. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Are you ready for Jesus this Christmas? Do we keep our heart clean before Jesus? Do we try to live for Him all of the time and ask for forgiveness when we are wrong?

During this special season of the year as we get ready for Christmas, you and I need to make sure we’re ready for the coming of the Christ of Christmas. Very soon Jesus is going to step out on the clouds and call us home to be with Him forever! Isn’t that exciting?

We need to look into our hearts and ask God to help us to love Him and live everyday the way He wants us to. Let’s pray and ask Him now to help us.

Dear God, we want to be ready for the Christ of Christmas. Help us to get ready and stay ready for His coming. In Jesus' name we ask, amen.

What does it mean to repent?

What does it mean to be ready for Jesus?

What is Jesus going to do very soon?