



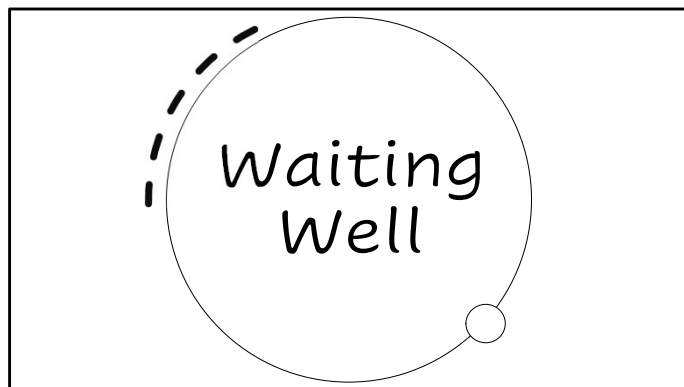
TODAY - HOPE

The future is secure - Our world will be set right, healed and restored when the True King Jesus Returns

We can wait well in trust and rest

Motivated by this hope, we choose to live daily in the way of Jesus.

PRAY



Its so easy to slip into worry and anxiety about our world and all its problems.

Week after week, very bleak

What is in the future??

Star Wars Good guys go bad, come good again but then the same problems repeat themselves in their children. It all goes around and around again. The fight for good is endless

The Matrix

Technology will make humans into slaves and take over our minds

OR

Star Trek

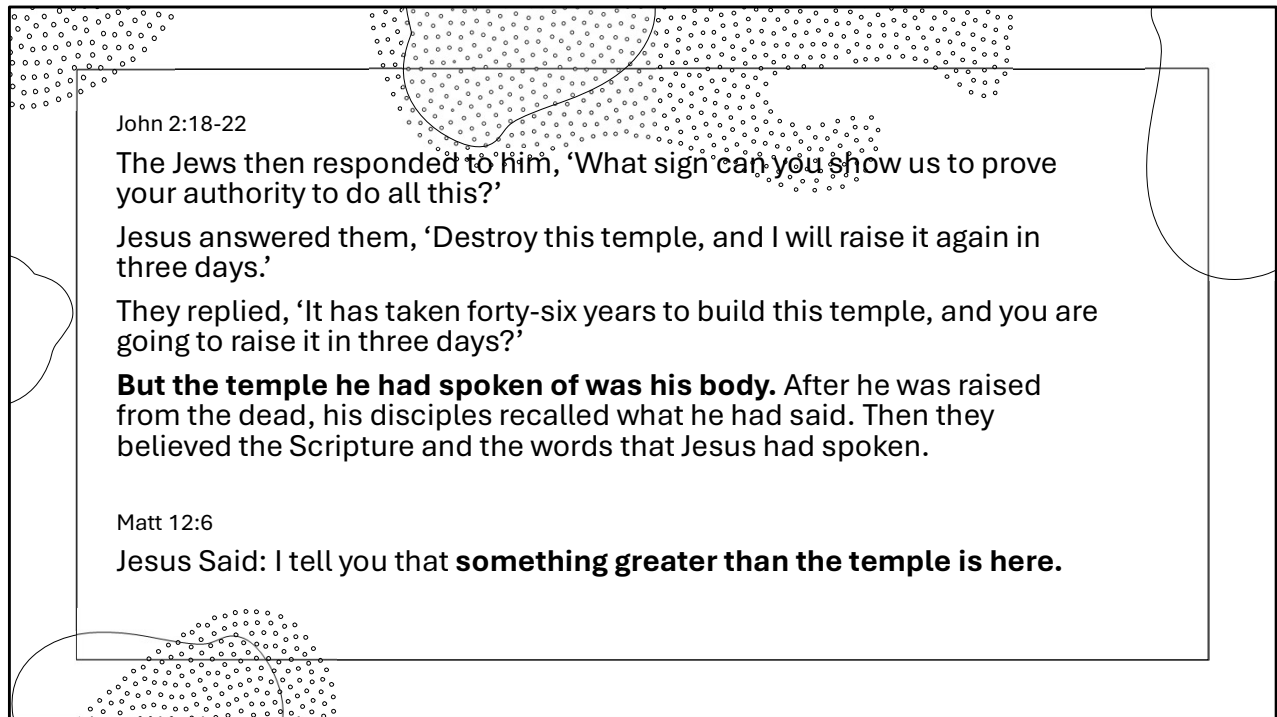
Human beings get better, figure out how to live in peace, technology fixes all our problems and we travel the universe spreading these ideal



In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say, **'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob.** He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.'

Promises of a hopeful future abound in the OT prophets
Read above

Geographically specific idea of people coming to a physical temple
But there is so much more going on here



Jesus claims to be the TRUE temple

Read above

JESUS is

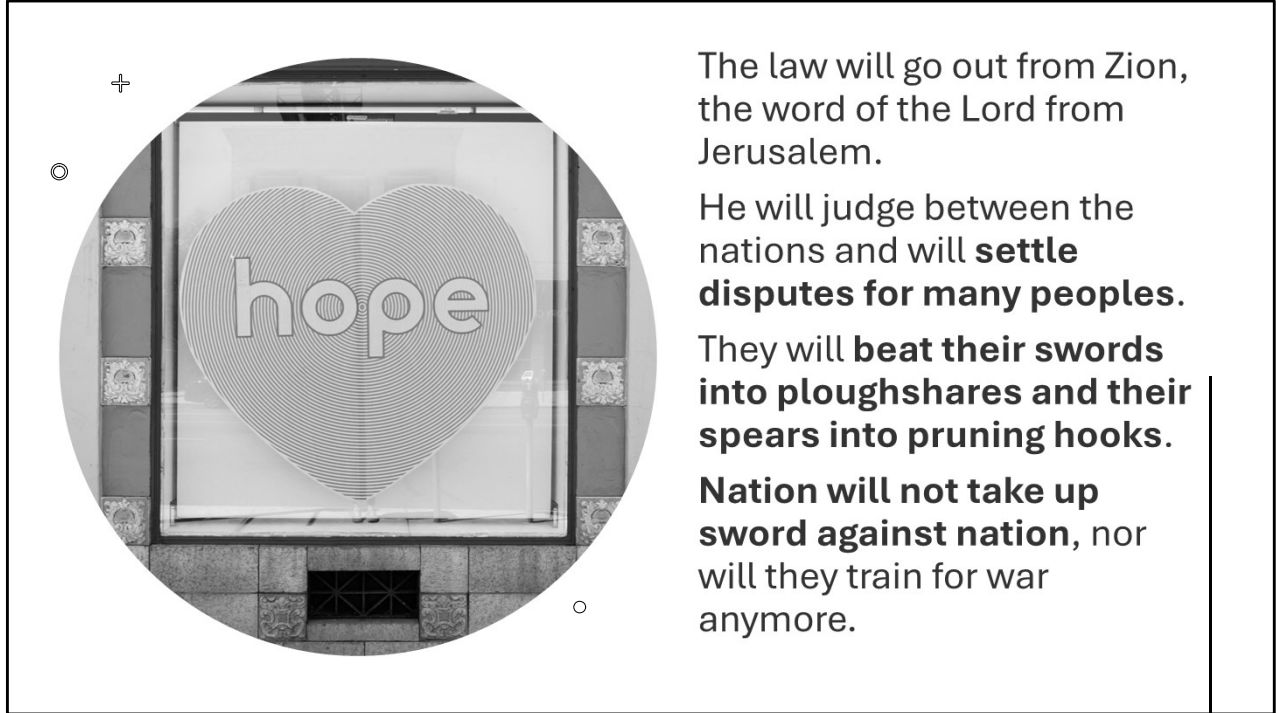
The ONE who fulfills the promise of Isaiah 2

The ONE that all nations will come to

The ONE that will truly teach GOD's ways

All the OT prophecies of HOPE

Point to JESUS. The true king, the best leader, the one the world truly needs



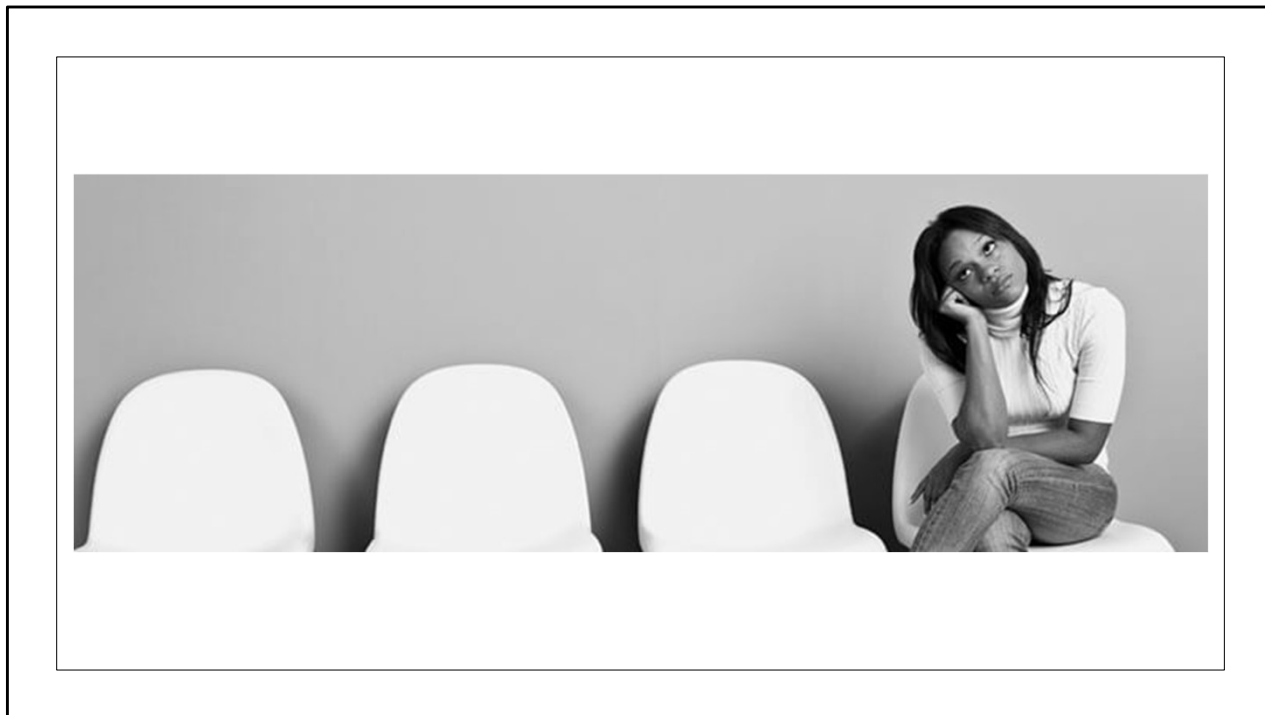
OUR hope for the future we say every week

Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again

Jesus has promised HE will return, We will see him and he will heal our world. The problems that seem impossible to us will be sorted out by the true King the leader we all need. The Lord Jesus Christ

HOPE is in Jesus Christ
Go through the promises of Isaiah above

Its what we dream of, the peace we long to know



Waiting – how do you like it?

Annoyed, impatient, Anxious, Not confident (maybe I got the details wrong)

OR

Wait well, in calm, peace and with confidence



My brother got distracted at the corner shops one day. Drove away quickly, something important had come up. Sadly His faithful dog Will had jumped off the ute and my brother left without him.

Im not sure why but it was the next day when my bro realized what had happened. He raced back to the shops and there, just where he had been left was Wil. Sitting, waiting, ready to be collected

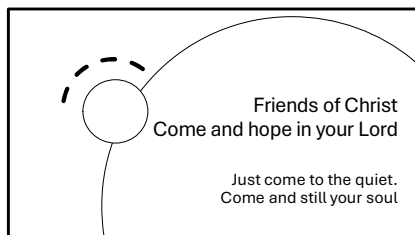
We don't have to worry. We can REST and WAIT for JESUS with confidence in the deepest and surest HOPE

We can be Loyal, faithful, trusting, relaxed even JESUS will return

SURE HOPE, STRONG HOPE – Not wishy washy
Not just I hope it wont rain today

BUT based on evidence
I checked the BOM radar, the rain will go south of here

Jesus life, death and resurrection
FAITH in his promises that are TRUE



Psalm 131 (Come to the Quiet)
Song by John Michael Talbot

Lord, my heart is not proud,
Nor are my eyes fixed on things beyond me.
In the quiet,
I have stilled my soul,
Like a child at rest
On its mother's knee.
I have stilled my soul,
Within me.

Friends of Christ
Come and hope in your Lord
Do not set your eyes on things
Far beyond you....

Just come to the quiet.
Come and still your soul,
Like a child at rest
On its daddy's knee
Come and still your soul,
completely

Come, let us walk
in the light of the
Lord

Is 2:5

The waiting we do NOW for Christs return is not passive waiting
not like being in an airport killing time when your flight is delayed

Our response to knowing the future hope we have?

Knowing the future Motivates us

Is 2:5 – After the promises are given the response is
Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD

Walk in the Light of the Lord

• Asleep, vulnerable,
unprepared

• Deeds of **darkness**
• Satisfying your sinful
self.

• Awake, Alert, Ready

• Put on the armour of
light
• Clothe yourselves with
the Lord Jesus Christ

How will we walk in the Light of the LORD?

First set – Matt 24 – Contrast of Attitudes - Read above

Second 2 – Romans 13 – Be about GODS business, So much
we can do while we wait

LOVE your neighbour as yourself.' 10 Love does no harm to a
neighbour

So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the
armour of light.

not in carousing and drunkenness (wild parties) –

Not so much our problem - but Maybe COMFORT and EASE
are challenges for us

Not in sexual immorality and debauchery

(shameless orgies – Tom Wright)

Not in dissension and jealousy (bad temper and jealousy –
Tom Wright)

Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, Humility
like Christ

Is there someone your need to forgive?

Is there someone to say sorry to?

What do you need to work on today, this week so you are

walking more and more in the light of the LORD????



Preparing for Christmas
When guests are coming to dinner

Motivated, Lots of Action, Cleaning, Organising, Cooking

Motivated by fear, or keeping up appearances? Lets hope not!

Motivated by Love and Relationship, wanting to serve and give, wanting to celebrate and enjoy

In JESUS our LORD
GOD already shown us his love, we are LOVED and FORGIVEN. Made whole in HIM. We don't need to impress or placate.

BUT as HIS dearly loved children we want to be ready, so that the house is in order. So our long awaited guest can see all the good things we have made. So Jesus can say well done good and faithful servant

Walk in the Light – Bring light, bring Jesus peace into ALL our corners of the world, dispel the darkness by the way we live the way we love others, the way we serve and give

Make me warm when I am cold
Make me young when I am old
Move me touch me inside
Let Your love burn in me now

When this earth was created
It was God who spoke the word
And it was done
Gave His warmth to the cold earth
All was new and all was young
Time had begun

Chorus - Make me warm when I am cold
Make me young when I am old
Move me touch me inside
Let Your love burn in me now

If I'm rough make me gentle
If my words are hard and sharp
Soften this heart
If I'm weak make me stronger
Let me look to You for strength
To make a new start

If I'm deaf break the silence
If I'm blinded by the dark
Give me Your light
If I'm lame and I stumble
Let me take Your hand again
And hold it so tight

If You speak let me hear You
Help me recognize Your voice everywhere
If You pass let me see You
Help me know the face is Yours
Help me to care



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