

## THINGS JESUS SAID (1)

### "I will..."

#### A. Introduction

1. Every time we read the Bible as followers of Jesus, we hear the voice of our Lord speaking to us.

All the words found in Scripture are words Jesus speaks to us.

But in the Gospels, we have recorded for us words that Jesus spoke when He became flesh and made His dwelling among us.

These words aren't more His words or more important words than the rest of those we find in the Bible, but nevertheless it is interesting to study what He did say during His first coming.

2. One of the things Jesus said was, "I will..."

When Jesus says "I will...", He is promising to do certain things – some of which He has now already done, some that He is currently doing, and some that He will do in the future.

And we can be certain that when He said "I will...", He will do what He has said He will do.

3. What does Jesus say He will do?

By studying every instance where Jesus says "I will" in the Gospels, we can gather together a list of promises Jesus has made and then put them into different categories.

#### B. What did Jesus promise that He has done?

1. Jesus said, "I will die", and He has.

"Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." (Mark 14:35-36)

2. Jesus said, "I will rise", and He has.

"But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee." (Matthew 26:32)

"Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.'" (Matthew 27:63)

"Then the Jews demanded of him, "What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." (John 2:19)

"So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no-one will take away your joy." (John 16:22)

3. Jesus said, "I will send the Holy Spirit", and He has.

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you for ever – the Spirit of truth." (John 14:16-17)

"When the Counsellor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me." (John 15:26)

"But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counsellor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you." (John 16:7)

### **C. What did Jesus promise that He is doing?**

1. Jesus said, "I will save my people", and He is.

"A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cured of his leprosy." (Matthew 8:2-3)

"When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralysed and in terrible suffering." Jesus said to him, "I will go and heal him." (Matthew 8:5-7)

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

"And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." (Matthew 16:18)

"Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:13-14)

"All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away." (John 6:37)

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." (John 6:51)

"But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die." (John 12:32-33)

2. Jesus said, "I will use my people", and He is.

"As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:18-19)

"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16:19)

3. Jesus said, "I will answer my people's prayers", and He does.

"And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." (John 14:13-14)

4. Jesus said, "I will be with my people", and He is.

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you." (John 14:18)

5. Jesus said, "I will love my people," and He does.

"Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him." (John 14:21)

### **D. What did Jesus promise that He will do?**

1. Jesus said, "I will return", and He will.

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." (John 14:4)

"When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfilment in the kingdom of God." After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." (Luke 22:14-18)

2. Jesus said, "I will recognise my people", and He will.

"Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven." (Matthew 10:32-33)

3. Jesus said, "I will punish my enemies", and He will.

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'" (Matthew 7:21-23)

4. Jesus said, "I will raise my people", and He will.

"For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." (John 6:40)

"No-one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day." (John 6:44)

5. Jesus said, "I will reward my people", and He will.

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'" (Matthew 25:21, 23)