

Outline – April 2, 2023  
Zechariah 9:9; Luke 10:19-20, Luke 16:19-31  
Luke 23:42-43; Revelation 21:27  
Jesus Overview of Heaven

Why The Topic Of Heaven Is So Important

- I. **The problems in our world**
  - A. No place is safe
  - B. Hatred between cultures
  - C. On the brink of war
  - D. On the brink of economic collapse
  - E. A social bankruptcy
    - 1. Spiritual/faith all time low
    - 2. Patriotism all time level
    - 3. Suicidal reality all time high
  - F. Apostasy in the church
  - G. Children the most vulnerable
- II. **The confusion about heaven**
  - A. Boring
  - B. Cloud hopping
  - C. Harp playing
  - D. For others it is
    - 1. Wishful thinking
    - 2. Projecting hope
    - 3. Imagination
  - E. The polls speak
    - 1. 88% believe in heaven
    - 2. 62% believe they are going
    - 3. 30% uncertain
    - 4. 8% know they are not going
- III. **What did Jesus say about heaven?**
  - A. It's a real place – John 14
  - B. The Apostle Paul called it the 3<sup>rd</sup> heaven, paradise – 2 Corinthians 12
  - C. Jesus called it paradise – Luke 23:43
  - D. Precious promises of heaven

1. Redeemer – Jesus Messiah will be there
  2. A believers reunion (family/friend)
  3. Rewards will be there
  4. Riches will be there
  5. Record of your life is there
  6. Recollection of life
  7. Received by Angels
- E. The pernicious alternative
1. Knew others experienced comfort
  2. Knew tormental judgment
  3. Wanted his family to be warned
- F. The prominence of heaven
1. The first step of all eternity
  2. The abode of God
- IV. Reservations needed**
- A. The Lamb's book of life
  - B. The wedding singers regret

**Heaven Is A Free Gift  
Requires A Response  
Requires An RSVP  
Requires A Reservation**

**Yes, This Is What I Want**