"Twas The Night Before..."

1 Thessalonians 4:15-18 2 Peter 3:9-12 Revelation 20:11-15

People Focus On...

- Being good for Santa.
- Decorating their homes.
- Buying presents for family and friends.
- Holiday parties and traditions.
- Baby Jesus in the manger.



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- The baby does not stay in the manger!
- God calls us to an extremely high moral standard.
- The gospel message costs us everything...possibly even our physical lives!
- There **WILL BE** a 2nd Coming!
- The rewards and consequences **ARE REAL**!

Open Your Bibles to 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout.

- The dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.
- This has eternal consequences.
- Therefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4:15-18

Turn in Your Bibles to 2 Peter 3:9-12

- The Lord is not slow but is patient toward you.
- He does not wish for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.
- But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.
- Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God.

2 Peter 3:9-12

Turn in Your Bibles to Revelation 20:11-15

- Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away
- And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.
- And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.
- And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Revelation 20:11-15

What About Us?

- God keeps His promises. Jesus <u>IS</u> coming back.
- Salvation and true direction is only found in Jesus. We have to be ready.
- Now is the 2nd chance. When Jesus comes back, there are no more chances.
- Jesus is not only the "baby in a manger."





• Eternity is near!

Not a creature was stirring not even a mouse.

Twas the night before Christmas and all

All the stockings were hung by the chimney with care. In the hope that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

Then what to my wondering eyes should appear,

The heavens opened up and my Savior drew near

The graves were all opened, the dead rose again

Then those still alive met their Savior and Friend

The heavens and earth were melted in flame

Sinners knelt down, heads hung in shame

thru the Was the Night Before before God's All books were opened and all deeds were known.

All were gathered before God's

The Book of Life was opened, the names were all read "Well done faithful servant," our Father, He said.

Those that were missing wept in great fright As they were tossed in the Lake of Fire that night.

I awoke with a start, all covered with sweat.

Jesus was yet to come, only a dream had I met.

Throughout the next week His voice I heard clear. Get ready My child, for eternity is near!