

WHAT WILL BRING YOU PEACE?

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Where do you turn for peace?

BIG QUESTION: *Where do you look for peace?*

“If you had only known what would bring you peace.”

“As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, **he wept over it** and said, “If you, even you, **had only known on this day what would bring you peace**—but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.” **Luke 19:41-44**

He prophesies the Fall of Jerusalem in 70 AD. (Heb. 8:13)

“He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.” **John 1:11** CSB

¹ **Jesus** _____ **about people far from him**—even those who reject him.

“Jesus wept.” **John 11:35**

² **When we reject him there are** _____.

“each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.”
Romans 14:12

“Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.” **Hebrews 4:13**

³ _____ **is only found in Jesus.**

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“Do you know what will bring you peace?”

“takes away the sin of the world!” **John 1:29**

“Now that we have been put right with God through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” **Romans 5:1** GNB

“Since we have been acquitted and made right through faith, we are able to experience true and lasting peace with God through our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One, the Liberating King.” **Romans 5:1** VOICE

What are you looking for peace?

- **Medicate:** Wine? Whiskey? Drugs? Cannabis?
- **Success:** Career? Results? \$\$ security? More stuff?
- **Image/health:** Exercise? Yoga? Meditation? Self-help?
- **Relationships:** Social Media? Boy/girl? Mr./Ms. Right?
- **Imagination:** TV? Movies? Fantasy? Binge Watching?
- **Spiritual experiences:** “loving feeling”? That high?
- **Distractions.:**

Avenues of God’s peace:

- Peace thru **trusting him to save you.** (Rom. 5:1)
- Peace thru **trusting him with everything.** (Phil. 4:13, 19)
- Peace thru **receiving forgiveness.** (Mt. 9:2-6; Rom. 4:7)
- Peace thru **giving forgiveness.** (Col. 3:13)
- Peace by **reconciling.** (Col. 1:20; Mt. 5:23-24)
- Peace thru **spiritual disciplines.** Silence. Solitude. Stillness.