



## Be Not Deceived

By Lucy Wall

*I happened to see a picture on Facebook one day which showed me a man wearing a t-shirt that had the slogan, "If Jesus comes back, kill Him again."*

*My initial feelings were anger and hurt as I looked at such a disrespectful statement but as I studied the picture more, I slowly began to feel those emotions melt away. They were soon replaced with sorrow and heartache for this very lost soul.*

*It became apparent to me that I was clearly looking at a picture of a person who thinks they can curse God and mock Him with no repercussions. This kind of mindset is often paired with the conclusion that because there's no instant bolt of lightning from the sky, God either doesn't exist or He isn't powerful enough to do anything. This reasoning however, is gravely wrong on both parts because as Galatians 6:7-8 says,*

*"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life."*

*As I stared at the photograph further, I thought to myself, "Here is a person who has absolutely no understanding of who Jesus is, no respect or appreciation for what He achieved on the Cross and zero concept of exactly who is coming back at the Second Coming!"*

*To make such a statement suggested to me that this person must be under a great delusion. They seem to have the idea that when Jesus returns, He'll come as a gentle Baby again, able to be murdered at the hands of sinful human beings. Not so. The Bible tells us that Jesus came once as the Sacrificial Lamb but His second appearance will be very different indeed.*

*To speak of the Lord in such a disrespectful way reveals a foolish misconception and so I felt inspired to write a short poem called, "Be Not Deceived."*

*The tone of this poem isn't meant to be aggressive. It's intended to be a sober warning and a loving appeal to anyone who may be flippant enough to dismiss the Saviour of the world in such a careless, disrespectful manner.*

*It's a real tragedy to reject our Creator who loves us so much but we do have the free-will to do so. God gave us that ability. The choice we make however, will have repercussions in eternity. The question is, are we ready to face the consequences of our choice?*

*The Bible tells us that it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God and so I hope this poem can perhaps appeal to someone's unbelieving heart and encourage them to reconsider their rejection of Jesus Christ. While there is breath in our lungs, we still have the opportunity to accept Jesus as our Saviour.*

*It's thanks to God's patience that He hasn't reacted in a fitting manner to the disrespect shown to Him. Amazingly, we can still receive His gift of grace. May these words encourage someone to respond to God's mercy today.*

Be not deceived, God is not mocked but we live in the time of His grace.  
You may use your days to slander His name but soon you will come face to face.  
We all have been given the free-will to choose so though you may curse to the end,  
The Trumpet will sound and then all will see the *difference* when Christ comes again.

A Babe in a manger you will not regard, you'll hear of no gentle Messiah.  
Behold He will come as a King in His strength, His eyes set ablaze like a fire!  
Look not for a Man who appears on a mule, a lowly, inferior thing.  
Prepare for the one, true Creator of all on a steed only fit for a King!



He'll roll back the clouds and come in His might, His words will be sharp as a sword.  
The eyes of the Nations will witness as one the wrath of the Almighty God!  
Be not deceived, God is not mocked. He hears every insolent cry.  
The Lion is coming to judge all the Earth and He's flanked by the armies on High!

The King of all kings and Lord of all lords is coming to rule and to reign!  
He'll set up His Kingdom in Heaven and Earth and all will bow down to His name.  
Bow to the Saviour who died on the Cross, the One who has paid for our sin.  
Through choice or through duty we'll all bend the knee and all will be brought before Him.

Do not be foolish, open your heart! Look to the Cross for your worth!  
You could be numbered with God's many saints when Christ comes again to the Earth.  
Be not deceived, God is not mocked. Be sure you will reap what you sow.  
Choose now this day whom you will serve, choose the Saviour God wants you to know!

**Hebrews 9:28**

*"Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation."*

**Luke 21:27**

*"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."*

**Revelation 1:7**

*"Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen."*

**Revelation 22:12**

*"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work."*

**Revelation 19:12-16**

*"His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."*