

## December 2nd – Why Hasn't Jesus Come Back?

*“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”*

(2 Pet. 3:9)

We live in a very skeptical world. People doubt many things, and sometimes we only have ourselves to blame. Humans are skeptical of politicians, promises, and many other things that never come to fruition. We've had to adopt the phrase, "If it sound too good to be true, it probably is." Christianity is not immune from the skepticism of our age. One of the main arguments skeptics make against Christianity is that Jesus has not returned like He said He would.

The skeptics are right about one thing – Jesus certainly did promise to return. He told His disciples, "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am there you may be also" (John 14:6). Critics of Christianity like to remind us that Jesus said those words about 2,000 years ago. They say, "If Jesus was going to come back, surely He would have done so by now."

So if Jesus is real (and He is), and if He did rise from the dead (and He did), then why is it taking Him so long to come back? Peter answers that question in today's verse. "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise" – that is, He is not late. Rather, He is "longsuffering toward us." Our Lord is so longsuffering that He is "not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." Our Lord has intentionally delayed His coming so that more and more people can receive Him as Savior and be cleansed of their sins. So then, accept the Lord as your King while there is still time!