

Chapter 1 : Confident At His Coming Sermon by Ed Wood, 1 John - [theinnatdunvilla.com](http://theinnatdunvilla.com)

*Section Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, in the presence of six elders, at Fayette, New York, September This revelation was given some days prior to the conference, beginning September 26,*

This lesson could easily be adapted to a family home evening as well. Be sure to check out the resource list at the bottom of the lesson. Each young woman will recognize the responsibilities her generation has to prepare for the Second Coming. Hide a paper crown under one of the seats or in the room 2. Gather items from the spiritual hour kit flashlight, roadmap, first aid kit, wipes, water, food, cash, radio and tape the scriptures onto them. Find a picture of a young girl someone from your family preferably dressed up as a princess 4. Print off quotes so that they can be read 5. Hide paper crown underneath a seat, then have the person find it be the queen for the day. They get to pick the people who give the prayers, choose songs, hand out items, etc. Briefly mention or have them mention some righteous and wicked kings through history. What are the characteristics of a righteous king? Explain that the generation the YW are a part of has been called a royal generation because the valiant among them will help prepare the world for the 2nd coming. Not just a few of you, but all of you. There are things for each of you to do that no one else can do as well as youâ€If you will let Him, I testify that our Father in Heaven will walk with you through the journey of life and inspire you to know your special purpose here. Burke Peterson Show picture of a young girl as a princess. Talk about how most of us come to this earth with an innate sense of our divinity. What does it mean? Who is our king? What is a generation? Would you wait until the last minute to prepare? Would you put out paper plates and hot dogs? Would you leave your dirty dishes in the sink? Think of the great honor it is to be among the royal generation to usher in the King of Kings. Share experience about someone being scared of the second coming. Do we need to be scared? Read Dallin H Oaks Quote: But with faith in God, we trust the blessings He has promised those who keep His commandments. We have faith in the future, and we are preparing for that future. To borrow a metaphor from the familiar world of athletic competitions, we do not know when this game will end, and we do not know the final score, but we do know that when the game finally ends, our team wins. WE just need to be prepared. Doctrine and Covenants What do we usually think of when we think of being prepared? Food storage, hour kits, batteries, etc. Show hour kit and go through item by item and compare to spiritual preparation. Simply put, you are a royal generation and have been held back for thousands of years to come forth in this day. You are the daughter of a King. Wherefore, I said unto you, feast upon the words of Christ; for behold, the words of Christ will tell you all things what ye should do. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

## Chapter 2 : An Old Commentary Sheds Light on the Second Coming

*Matthew The Second Coming The Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is a very obvious event when it finally occurs because everyone in the world will be able to see him. Now there are many details of the Second Advent that are revealed in this text.*

The first two chapters have to do with the theme of fellowship. The remaining three chapters have to do with sonship. So these two verses close out the first section and begin the second section. Born again has to do with our relationship, being a member of the family of God. Abiding in Him has to do with our fellowship, our daily walk with the Lord. The tense of the verb is a present imperative. It is simply saying to us that we are to continually abide in Him. Every believer is in that category. But it is possible to be saved and not be abiding in Jesus, not walking in fellowship with Jesus every day. How can you stay in fellowship and abide continually in Jesus? By Abiding in the Church 1 Timothy 3: We have a mandate from God to dispense truth to our community. In this world there is truth and there is also error. That is why doctrinal integrity on the part of the church is so vitally important. We owe the church several things: We owe the church our presence. We owe the church our prayers. We owe the church our participation. By my giving, by my going, by my loving, I am to remain in the fellowship of my church, and it helps me remain in fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ. By Abiding in the Word of God. Jesus said in John Search the Scriptures John 5: Store the Scriptures Psalm I mean you just ought to give the Scriptures out. Give away gospel tracts. By Walking in the Spirit of God. But the Bible teaches that you are to be in the Holy Spirit. That simply means that you are to walk in the Spirit day by day. You say, Preacher what difference does it make whether or not I abide in Him. Well, it makes a difference because of the second word I want you to circle. This is talking about the personal return of the Lord Jesus. There are two words for the return of the Lord used in this one verse. One of the words is the word coming. The other word is the word appear, when He shall appear. One of these days Jesus is going to come. What should be our attitude toward the appearing of the Lord? Look at Hebrews 9: Looking for His Appearing. Do you have that kind of expectancy? Are you looking for the Lord to come? If you were looking for Jesus to come today, it might change your lifestyle a little bit 2. Love His Appearing 2 Timothy 4: Do you love the appearing of the Lord? To love His appearing means that there is nothing in your life that ought not to be there when He comes.

### Chapter 3 : Second Coming - Wikipedia

*Regarding the sequence of events at Jesus' second coming, perhaps the clearest explanation is found in 1 Thessalonians "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God.*

What is the difference between the Rapture and the Second Coming? The rapture and the second coming of Christ are often confused. Sometimes it is difficult to determine whether a scripture verse is referring to the rapture or the second coming. However, in studying end-times Bible prophecy, it is very important to differentiate between the two. The rapture is when Jesus Christ returns to remove the church all believers in Christ from the earth. The rapture is described in 1 Thessalonians 4: Believers who have died will have their bodies resurrected and, along with believers who are still living, will meet the Lord in the air. This will all occur in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye. The second coming is when Jesus returns to defeat the Antichrist, destroy evil, and establish His millennial kingdom. The second coming is described in Revelation The important differences between the rapture and second coming are as follows: At the second coming, believers return with the Lord to the earth Revelation The rapture occurs before the tribulation 1 Thessalonians 5: The second coming includes the removal of unbelievers as an act of judgment Matthew The second coming will be visible to all Revelation 1: The rapture is imminent; it could take place at any moment Titus 2: Why is it important to keep the rapture and the second coming distinct? The rapture and second coming are similar but separate events. Both involve Jesus returning. Both are end-times events. However, it is crucially important to recognize the differences. The second coming is the return of Christ to the earth to bring the tribulation to an end and to defeat the Antichrist and his evil world empire.

**Chapter 4 : Predictions and claims for the Second Coming of Christ - Wikipedia**

*John McCain and the Second 'Rashomon' Moment That Defined America's Coming Crisis "I genuinely don't understand what is so inspiring about this moment. 'He's not Arab, he is a decent man' is not shutting down racism â€” it is racism."*

Both claimed the Millennium would begin by this year. He tells of almost daily interaction with Christ over the course of almost 30 years. His return is not in the flesh, but in His Holy Spirit. He was eventually committed to an insane asylum. She died on the day of her prediction, and an autopsy proved she was not pregnant. Nevertheless, most of the group stayed and Rapp continued to lead them until he died on August 7, His last words to his followers were, "If I did not so fully believe, that the Lord has designated me to place our society before His presence in the land of Canaan, I would consider this my last. He wrote that Revelation Some Millerites continued to set dates; others founded the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the Advent Christian Church , which continue to expect a soon Second Coming but no longer set dates for it. He then gave a relation of some of the circumstances attending us while journeying to Zion--our trials, sufferings; and said God had not designed all this for nothing, but He had it in remembrance yet; and it was the will of God that those who went to zion, with a determination to lay down their lives, if necessary, should be ordained to the ministry, and go forth to prune the vineyard for the last time, or the coming of the Lord, which was nigh--even fifty-six years should wind up the scene. According to FairMormon , an organization that responds to criticism of Mormons, Smith believed no one knew the hour of the Second Coming. The last member died in They believe the signs Christ revealed about his return in Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21 began to occur starting in In a parallel Biblical account at Revelation 6, they believe the ride of the symbolic four horsemen began in the same year, and that the first rider on the white horse depicts the Christ. He goes forth to complete his conquest of the earth, while the rule by human leaders continues for a short while until they meet their end at Armageddon by the power of the Christ Revelation See Divine Principle â€” Rudolf Steiner Steiner described the physical incarnation of Christ as a unique event, but predicted that Christ would reappear in the etheric , or lowest spiritual, plane beginning in the s. This would manifest in various ways: Of particular note was the book in Prophecy! Though, never explicitly stating a date in the booklet, the title led people to believe the date was the second coming. After the failure to flee in and a defection of his ministry Armstrong was careful not to set specific dates but claimed that Christ would return before he died. He died January 16, Armstrong had previously predicted in a edition of The Plain Truth magazine that Christ would return in After those failed predictions and loss of members he moved his operation from Oregon to Pasadena, California. His three college campuses and the majority of his Pasadena headquarter properties were closed and sold. His successors changed the name to Grace Communion International in

**Chapter 5 : What is the difference between the Rapture and the Second Coming?**

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I was introduced to that principle 60 years ago this summer when I became a Boy Scout and learned the Scout motto: The scriptures are rich in references to the Second Coming, an event eagerly awaited by the righteous and dreaded or denied by the wicked. The faithful of all ages have pondered the sequence and meaning of the many events prophesied to precede and follow this hinge point of history. Four matters are indisputable to Latter-day Saints: I wish to speak about the fourth of these great realities: The Savior taught this in the parable of the fig tree whose tender new branches give a sign of the coming of summer. Biblical and modern prophecies give many signs of the Second Coming. The fulness of the gospel restored and preached in all the world for a witness to all nations. False Christs and false prophets, deceiving many. Wars and rumors of wars, with nation rising against nation. Earthquakes in divers places. An overflowing scourge, a desolating sickness covering the land. The whole earth in commotion. In another revelation the Lord declares that some of these signs are His voice calling His people to repentance: These signs of the Second Coming are all around us and seem to be increasing in frequency and intensity. For example, the list of major earthquakes in *The World Almanac and Book of Facts*, shows twice as many earthquakes in the decades of the 1950s and 1960s as in the two preceding decades pp. It also shows further sharp increases in the first several years of this century. The list of notable floods and tidal waves and the list of hurricanes, typhoons, and blizzards worldwide show similar increases in recent years pp. Increases by comparison with 50 years ago can be dismissed as changes in reporting criteria, but the accelerating pattern of natural disasters in the last few decades is ominous. In the early years of this last dispensation, a gathering to Zion involved various locations in the United States: Always these were gatherings to prospective temples. With the creation of stakes and the construction of temples in most nations with sizeable populations of the faithful, the current commandment is not to gather to one place but to gather in stakes in our own homelands. There the faithful can enjoy the full blessings of eternity in a house of the Lord. While we are powerless to alter the fact of the Second Coming and unable to know its exact time, we can accelerate our own preparation and try to influence the preparation of those around us. A parable that contains an important and challenging teaching on this subject is the parable of the ten virgins. Given in the 25th chapter of Matthew, this parable contrasts the circumstances of the five foolish and the five wise virgins. All ten were invited to the wedding feast, but only half of them were prepared with oil in their lamps when the bridegroom came. The five who were prepared went into the marriage feast, and the door was shut. The five who had delayed their preparations came late. The door had been closed, and the Lord denied them entrance, saying, "I know you not" Matt. The arithmetic of this parable is chilling. But only half were ready when he came. Modern revelation contains this teaching, spoken by the Lord to the early leaders of the Church: Prepare ye, prepare ye, O inhabitants of the earth; for the judgment of our God is come. Brothers and sisters, as the Book of Mormon teaches, "this life is the time for men to prepare to meet God; The Lord also warned: Awake and arise and go forth to meet the Bridegroom; behold and lo, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Always we are cautioned that we cannot know the day or the hour of His coming. In the 24th chapter of Matthew Jesus taught: What if the day of His coming were tomorrow? If we knew that we would meet the Lord tomorrow--through our premature death or through His unexpected coming--what would we do today? What confessions would we make? What practices would we discontinue? What accounts would we settle? What forgivenesses would we extend? What testimonies would we bear? If we would do those things then, why not now? Why not seek peace while peace can be obtained? If our lamps of preparation are drawn down, let us start immediately to replenish them. We need to make both temporal and spiritual preparation for the events prophesied at the time of the Second Coming. And the preparation most likely to be neglected is the one less visible and more difficult--the spiritual. A hour kit of temporal supplies may prove valuable for earthly challenges, but, as the foolish virgins learned to their sorrow, a hour kit of spiritual preparation is of greater and more enduring value. There are many temporal causes of commotion,

including wars and natural disasters, but an even greater cause of current "commotion" is spiritual. Evil that used to be localized and covered like a boil is now legalized and paraded like a banner. The most fundamental roots and bulwarks of civilization are questioned or attacked. Nations disavow their religious heritage. Marriage and family responsibilities are discarded as impediments to personal indulgence. The movies and magazines and television that shape our attitudes are filled with stories or images that portray the children of God as predatory beasts or, at best, as trivial creations pursuing little more than personal pleasure. And too many of us accept this as entertainment. The men and women who made epic sacrifices to combat evil regimes in the past were shaped by values that are disappearing from our public teaching. The good, the true, and the beautiful are being replaced by the no-good, the "whatever," and the valueless fodder of personal whim. Not surprisingly, many of our youth and adults are caught up in pornography, pagan piercing of body parts, self-serving pleasure pursuits, dishonest behavior, revealing attire, foul language, and degrading sexual indulgence. An increasing number of opinion leaders and followers deny the existence of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and revere only the gods of secularism. Many in positions of power and influence deny the right and wrong defined by divine decree. Even among those who profess to believe in right and wrong, there are "them that call evil good, and good evil" Isa. Many also deny individual responsibility and practice dependence on others, seeking, like the foolish virgins, to live on borrowed substance and borrowed light. All of this is grievous in the sight of our Heavenly Father, who loves all of His children and forbids every practice that keeps any from returning to His presence. What is the state of our personal preparation for eternal life? The people of God have always been people of covenant. What is the measure of our compliance with covenants, including the sacred promises we made in the waters of baptism, in receiving the holy priesthood, and in the temples of God? Are we promisers who do not fulfill and believers who do not perform? What are those "holy places"? Surely they include the temple and its covenants faithfully kept. Surely they include a home where children are treasured and parents are respected. Surely the holy places include our posts of duty assigned by priesthood authority, including missions and callings faithfully fulfilled in branches, wards, and stakes. As the Savior taught in His prophecy of the Second Coming, blessed is the "faithful and wise servant" who is attending to his duty when the Lord comes see Matt. As the prophet Nephi taught of that day, "The righteous need not fear" 1 Ne. We are surrounded by challenges on all sides see 2 Cor. But with faith in God, we trust the blessings He has promised those who keep His commandments. We have faith in the future, and we are preparing for that future. To borrow a metaphor from the familiar world of athletic competitions, we do not know when this game will end, and we do not know the final score, but we do know that when the game finally ends, our team wins. We will continue to go forward "till the purposes of God shall be accomplished, and the Great Jehovah shall say the work is done" History of the Church, 4: I testify of Jesus Christ. I testify that He shall come, as He has promised. And I pray that we will be prepared to meet Him, in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

**Chapter 6 : Family Home Evenings and more YW Manual 1, Lesson Second Coming**

*YW Manual 1, Lesson Second Coming As I've recently been called to be the YW president in our ward, I thought I'd use this blog to share some of the lessons and ideas that we use along the way. This lesson could easily be adapted to a family home evening as well.*

Now there are many details of the Second Advent that are revealed in this text. The Coming of the Son of Man is: After the tribulation 29 " When a Christian identifies himself as pre-tribulation and pre-millennial, he is telling others that he believes the church will be raptured before the tribulation begins and that the Lord will return before his kingdom on this earth will begin. Preceded by darkness 29 " The sun and the moon are darkened and the stars fall from heaven. It is great and very terrible. The stars falling from heaven are seen in Rev Accompanied by the powers of heaven shaking 29 " The powers of the heavens correspond to the devil and his angels. Revealed by a sign 30 " This is one of the things that the disciples were asking about in verse 3. The sign of his coming will be like lightning shining from east to west. The sign of his coming will be a bright light shining in the darkness Jn 8: Visible to everyone on earth 30 " Rev 1: Notice the clouds in the context of his coming in Rev 1: With power and great glory 30 " These are the power and glory that Jesus passed up in Lk 4: The glory and power with which he comes is the glory and power of his Father and not the glory and power that the devil and the world give Matt At the time of the tribulation rapture 31 " The tribulation rapture and the rapture of the church are two separate raptures. In the tribulation rapture, the angels are sent to gather the elect and a trumpet sounds Rev In the rapture of the church, the Lord himself descends from heaven 1 Thes 4: Known by the generation that sees all these things " All of the signs that Jesus preached in Matt They then conclude that the Second Coming was spiritual not literal around the time that Titus destroyed Jerusalem in 70 AD. More certain than the existence of the universe 35 " What Jesus said that is recorded in the Bible will be here forever. And the things that he said will come to pass just the way that he said. The universe, on the other hand, will only be here until the Great White Throne judgment Rev What a surprise that will be to evolutionists who believe in the eternity of matter and reject the words of God.

Chapter 7 : FOX 29 News Philadelphia | WTXF

*9/29/18 - Fall Feasts and the Second Coming of Messiah Part 6 The Appointed Time of Messiah's Birthday Norm Franz.*

The Second Coming of Christ Jesus is coming again! This is the great expectation of all Christians. Nothing is more clearly taught in the New Testament. Since the purpose of this course is not speculation, we shall confine ourselves to those Scriptures which are plain statements of fact. Of these there are so many that it will not be hard to determine how Christ will return. Always they have been mistaken. The Bible clearly teaches that no man knows when Jesus will come again. Jesus said, "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only" Matthew Therefore, no one can possibly know when He will come. Paul declared that the second coming would be preceded by a falling away from the truth. As a result many will be totally unprepared when He does come. Since we cannot know when He will come again, the important thing for every person is to be fully prepared. The second advent will be seen by all. Some teach that Jesus returned a few years ago but that many did not see Him. They ignore the scripture, "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 1: Jesus said, "For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be" Matthew Christ will be accompanied by His angels when He returns. Jude adds that He will come back with ten thousand of His holy ones Jude At the second coming the dead will arise from the grave 1 Corinthians Some teach that the unrighteous will never rise from the grave. Others contend that the righteous and unrighteous will be resurrected at different times. Jesus proves both ideas wrong when He states, "Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth -- those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation" John 5: So we learn that both the righteous and the unrighteous will be resurrected to face the judgment at the same time. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. What will happen to the earth when Christ returns? Peter answers our question. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner [of persons] ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? No man will be left to live on this earthly sphere. The premillennial theory, which asserts that Christ will reign on the earth in the flesh for a literal thousand years, is clearly erroneous. Rather, the disciples of Christ will meet Him in the air. As noticed, John 5: None shall be able to escape it. As they appear before Christ the judge, the righteous will be set on the right hand, the unrighteous on the left. The righteous will be rewarded with an everlasting home in heaven; the unrighteous will be consigned to the eternal punishment of hell Matthew Nothing in the scriptures teaches that man will receive a second chance. After the judgment Christ will deliver up the kingdom to God. Every enemy, including death, will have been overcome, and Jesus who has been reigning, will deliver up His authority to God, the Father, and will Himself be subject to Him. The righteous will dwell with God in the eternal home of unspeakable beauty. In the next and last lesson we will discuss the places of reward and punishment which are called heaven and hell. Select True or False: The Bible tells us exactly when Jesus is going to return.

**Chapter 8 : John McCain and the second "Rashomon"™ moment that defined America™s coming**

*Get your chopsticks ready, poke fans: The second annual Honolulu PokeFest is happening Saturday, Sept. 29, with an onolicious lineup from 15 of your favorite poke shops.*

The master went on a journey and gave each servant a specific amount of money, talents. The talents were of silver. A talent weighed between 58 and 80 pounds. Thus the master entrusted his servants with considerable amounts of money. The third servant, having received the one talent, reasoned that his master might not be coming back at all. If he did return someday, the servant could simply return the talent to his master without loss from any poor investment. But if he failed to return, the servant wanted to be able to keep the talent for himself. He did not want to deposit the talent in a bank where it would be recorded that the talent belonged to the master. His reasoning indicated he lacked faith in his master; he proved to be a worthless servant. As a result, he lost what he had, and was cast into judgment. Like the unworthy servant he too would be eternally separated from God. This Parable of the Talents stressed the need to serve the King while He is away. Before the man leaves, he gathers the servants of his household and gives them talents. Jesus is obviously represented by the man taking a long journey. We are the servants of His house to whom He has given talents. So, what are the talents? And why is the man giving them to his servants? Why has Jesus given them to us? Our talents are the combination of our natural abilities and our spiritual gifts. We ought to use both in service of the kingdom of Christ. Regarding this parable, Dr. The man with much ability was given five talents; the man with average ability received two talents; the man with minimal ability received one talent. The talents represent opportunities to use our abilities. If five talents were given to a person with minimal ability, he would be destroyed by the heavy responsibility. But if only one talent were given to a man of great ability, he would be disgraced and degraded. God assigns work and opportunity according to ability. We are living in the period of time between Matthew We have been assigned our ministries according to the abilities and gifts God has given us. It is our privilege to serve the Lord and multiply His goods. We want the ability that someone else has been given. In the church, too many people sit in awe of the very public gifts of others "preaching, teaching, singing, or leading in various ways. In the meantime, they neglect their own gifts and abilities and that hinders the vitality of the body of Christ. The Church can only be all that it should be if every member is operating in his or her role. Every believer must be using their own gift or gifts for maximum effect. Those who operate behind-the-scenes are just as important as those who operate on the platform every Sunday. We must remember that it is the Lord Himself who has given us our gifts. He knows what gifts and talents He has given and to whom. And He expects us to use them for His glory and for the advancement of His kingdom during His physical absence from this earth. Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: Christ is able to make us one; at His table, He set the tone, teaching people to live to bless, to love in word and, in deed, express. Jesus calls us in and sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell and bread to share: Now, if you are not a believer in Jesus Christ, I urge you to trust in Him because He is coming again and you do not want to be left behind. Here is how you can place your faith and trust in Him for Salvation from sin and the consequences of sin. The Bible says in Romans 3: The Bible states in Romans 6: Jesus Christ said in Matthew Jesus Christ said in John 3: Pray and ask Him to come into your heart today, and He will. I am sorry for my sins, and today I choose to turn from my sins. For Jesus Christ sake, please forgive me of my sins. I believe with all of my heart that Jesus Christ died for me, was buried, and rose again. Lord Jesus, please come into my heart and save my soul and change my life today. If you just trusted Jesus Christ as your Saviour, and you prayed that prayer and meant it from your heart, I declare to you that based upon the Word of God, you are now saved from Hell and you are on your way to Heaven. Welcome to the family of God! Congratulations on doing the most important thing in life and that is receiving Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour. For more information to help you grow in your newfound faith in Christ, go to Gospel Light Society. And may God bless you.

**Chapter 9 : Matthew The Second Coming - Bible Believers Baptist Church, Corpus Christi, Texas**

*The Second Coming (sometimes called the Second Advent or the Parousia) is a Christian and Islamic belief regarding the future (or past) return of Jesus Christ after his supposed ascension to heaven about two thousand years ago.*

In , the American heart is the loneliest hunter of all, and so an increasingly lost and disillusioned nation turned its lonely eyes toward McCain. The story is really about our anxiety over who we are. In death, it was the John McCain legend – the myth that a public so desperately craves when vainglorious "Individual-1" and his sweaty 1 a. The truth is that had there not been a John McCain to shoehorn into a broader myth – a POW who endured years of torture for his brothers-in-arms and the doomed war effort and then entered politics as a public service, a "maverick" who did the right thing in a time of knee-jerk polarization, the last defender of true American values who rode off into the sunset – America would likely have invented just such a character. John McCain and his friends wanted Rose Mofford out immediately. Yes, his 3 a. Yes, he was a man from a bygone era of honor on U. The legend of McCain riding in from the West to tell humble truths and clean up a wicked, sinful Washington is the kind of self-aggrandizing story about American politics that so many people at the pinnacle of power cling to, the story that we tell ourselves in order to live. It all came to a head on a Friday night in a packed school gym in a place called Lakeville, Minn. Finally, a woman in a bright red T-shirt with gray hair was called onto the stage and took the mic for her question. To this interpretation, McCain was committing an act of cowboy-style patriotism by standing up for American values – the moment that defined him even as the actual values he stood up for were slipping away. The problem is that to millions of people watching the same scene – just not the people with the loud megaphone of the mainstream media – the hero of those 29 seconds was not McCain but the woman in red. Over the next decade, the people like her would grow louder and more influential, a Tea Party screaming at politicians that "I want my country back," to be climaxed by a demagogic political leader happy to ride their waves of racism and xenophobia. There is a less-heard third perspective on what went down in Lakeville on that Friday night. John McCain was maddeningly inconsistent and too often self-serving, and yet compared to the current crew of crooks, he comes off like the blessed love child of Abraham Lincoln and Joan of Arc. This is the world we cover. Because of people like you, another world is possible. There are many battles to be won, but we will battle them together – all of us. Common Dreams is not your normal news site. We want the world to be a better place. If you can help today – because every gift of every size matters – please do.