

Preview of the Second Coming, Part 1

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Matthew 16:27-17:13.

B. The Messiah would not be left corrupt, but there would be a great time of glory in accordance with what the prophets preached.

C. The disciples needed perspective because they had only seen Jesus come in scorn.

II. The promise.

A. The promise was necessary because the kingdom demands suffering and sacrifice.

B. The suffering of this world is not comparable to the glory that will be revealed. (Romans 8:18)

III. The warning.

A. Jesus will come and judge just as he will come and save.

B. He will render according to works.

IV. Jesus is coming.

A. He calls himself the Son of Man because he is identified with men as well as the supernatural figure prophesied in Daniel 7.

B. Jesus promises that he will come in the glory of his Father. (Matthew 24:29)

C. Man will be judged by works. (1 Corinthians 3, 2 Corinthians 5, Romans 14:12, 2:6)

1. Works are the evidence that one is saved.

2. One is not saved by works. (Romans 2:7, 2 Thessalonians 1)

D. Jesus told his disciples that some would not die until they saw him coming in his royal splendor. This refers to the Transfiguration, which was a preview of Jesus' Second Coming. (2 Peter 1:16)

Application Questions:

1. How is the coming of Jesus both a good and a bad thing?

2. What does it mean that man will be judged by his works?

3. Why was the Transfiguration of Jesus important for the disciples and for us?
