

"The Second Coming of Jesus Christ"

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Introduction: **The Story** is not over! In fact, as we read Revelation we are encouraged to look forward to Christ's second coming. Honestly, we are often given a lot of false information about the second coming by men. These false concepts include man's foolish predictions, millennial teachings (that distract us from the true teachings of Revelation), and false teachings we hear among different denominations (and even in the church). It is easy to become confused. We must be careful in handling the Scriptures (**II Timothy 2:15**) and not apply particular passages to the 2nd coming of Christ which actually speak of the destruction of Jerusalem (**Matthew 24**), the fall of Babylon (**Isaiah 13:19**), or other judgments of God. However, we must be prepared for this event! What does the Bible say about Jesus' second coming? Let's study together....

Discussion:

I. Will Jesus come again?

- Acts 1:9-11** – the angels declared He would come again
- Acts 17:31** – this day is necessary for God to judge the world
- I Thessalonians 4:13-18** – disciples' hope is found in the Lord's return
- II Thessalonians 1:7-10** – the heavens reveal this fact
- II Peter 3:9-13** – there is an imminent coming
- Hebrews 9:28** – the writers of the New Testament confirm it repeatedly

II. How will Jesus come again?

- Matthew 25:31** - all nations will witness this event
- John 5:28** – it will happen publicly, visibly, and audibly
- Acts 1:11** – the angels told the disciples Jesus would return just as He left
- I Thessalonians 5:2** – it will happen suddenly, like a thief in the night
- I Thessalonians 4:13-18** – "shout," "voice of archangel," "trumpet," "in the clouds"
- II Thessalonians 1:7-10** – Jesus will be accompanied by His angels
- II Peter 3:10** – this will happen unexpectedly, with no advanced warning

III. When will Jesus come again?

- Matthew 24:36** – no one knows the hour, or even the day
- Mark 13:32** – another gospel confirms this fact, no one will know the timing
- John 5:28-29** – reveals a common sense approach
- Acts 1:6-7** - timing was not the apostles' business, it's none of our business
- Hebrews 9:27** – we can clearly see God's plan
- I Peter 4:17** – ALL of us will be there, ready or not

IV. What will Jesus see when He comes again?

- Matthew 7:13-14** – only a "few" will be ready for that day
- Matthew 7:21** - some have called on Jesus' name, but have not obeyed
- Matthew 7:22-23** - many have done good works, but are not children of God
- I Thessalonians 1:8** - those who do not know God cannot be called righteous
- Hebrews 6:4-6** – some once followed Christ, but have fallen away
- II Peter 3:3-4** – there will be scoffers, doubters, and those corrupted by the flesh

V. *What will happen to humanity when Jesus comes again?*

Matthew 25:31-46 – the Lord will separate mankind for judgment

John 5:28-29 - the graves will be opened

Romans 2:7 - judgment takes place for the righteous (eternal life)

Romans 2:8-9 - judgment takes place for the wicked (eternal death)

Colossians 3:4 - saints will be glorified

Philippians 3:20-21 - our perishable bodies will be re-fashioned after Christ

I Thessalonians 4:13-18 - the dead will be resurrected and judged

II Thessalonians 1:7-10 – the wicked receive justice, the saints receive mercy

Revelation 21:4 - the faithful of all ages will enjoy “joy” beyond description

VI. *What will happen to the world when Jesus comes again?*

Romans 8:22 - the earth is in labor!

I Corinthians 15:26 – death will be halted and forever destroyed

II Corinthians 4:16-18 - temptation, sorrow, pain, and suffering will end

Philippians 1:23 - the coming of the Lord will bring new life

II Peter 3:9 - it will be the end of the present world (no earthly throne)

Revelation 10:6 - the end of time brings a new beginning

Revelation 20:12 – the world burns away, and we are caught up into the heavens

VII. *Why is Jesus coming again?*

Matthew 7:21- He is coming to reward everyone according to his/her works

John 5:28-29 - the Lord is coming to raise the dead

Colossians 1:13-14 - God plans to bless the faithful

I Corinthians 15:24 - “all rule, authority, and power” placed into the hands Jesus

II Corinthians 5:10 - humanity must appear “before the judgment seat of Christ”

Ephesians 5:25-32 - Jesus will be a part of the wedding ceremony

II Thessalonians 1:7-9 - obedient and disobedient people must face a living God

II Timothy 4:1 – those alive and dead must meet God for judgment

Hebrews 9:27-28 - He wants to finish the work!

Jude 15 - He is coming to execute judgment upon all

VIII. *What should we do until Jesus comes again?*

Matthew 24:44 – we need to get ready because we do not know the hour

Matthew 28:19-20 – we need teach the good news to all who will listen

Mark 13:34-35 – we need to get busy because work is almost complete

Mark 16:15-16 - we need to preach the message of the gospel of Christ to the world

Philippians 2:12 – we need to get saved and stay saved, working out our salvation

Philippians 3:12-14 – we need to press toward the mark, looking toward our goal

Ephesians 6:10-20 – we need to put on the whole armor of God

Hebrews 12:1-2 - we need to be determined above all to keep our eyes on the goal

I Thessalonians 1:10 - we need to praise the Lord for deliverance

II Timothy 4:8 - we need to look forward to our heavenly reward

I Peter 4:13 - we need to not get discouraged in suffering and trials

II Peter 3:12 – we need to lay aside the things of this world

Revelation 2:10 – we need to be faithful until death

Conclusion: John, the beloved, urges Christians to walk in the light (**I John 1:7**). Jesus told His disciples it would be difficult to endure to the end (**Matthew 10:22**), but with God’s help we can be ready! Remember the words of Paul in **Titus 2:11-13**. Are you ready? Jesus is coming again!