

Matthew 16:27 Jesus Coming in the Glory of His Father

Introduction: The Jewish leadership rejected the idea that Jesus is the Messiah, but they all agreed that when the Messiah should come, He would take the throne at Jerusalem and drive out the Romans. The disciples knew that Jesus is the Messiah but had the same misconception that He would drive out the Romans. As the crucifixion drew near Jesus had now informed them that He would be killed. He said that if they would go with Him they must take up their cross and be willing to suffer for Him. They panicked. They were deeply distressed. In our text Jesus gave what they needed for encouragement.

I. The Son of Man to come in the glory of His Father.

A. By “the Son of Man” Jesus spoke of Himself.

(He had previously used this term with reference to Himself.)

B. By saying that He would come, the disciples would understand Him to mean that He would come to Jerusalem.

1. They knew that He did not speak of the immediate future because He was about to go there and be killed.
2. They may not have understood Him to refer to His return to earth, but did know that it must be later.

C. By saying that He would come in the glory of His Father they would understand that at this coming He would claim the throne at Jerusalem and would reign as King.

1. It was customary for kings to make all public appearances in great pomp and splendor.
 - a. They would wear a royal robe and fabulous jewelry.
 - b. They would be accompanied by the royal guard.
 - c. They would make a dazzling display befitting a king.
2. Even so Jesus would come in the pomp and splendor (glory) that is befitting of God.
 - a. He will dazzle the eye of the beholder.
 - b. He will be accompanied by the angels of heaven as His royal guard.

II. The Son of Man to reward every man.

A. What Jesus refers to is His second coming to earth.

B. What Jesus uses as an illustration is that of a conquering king coming to the throne to take over.

1. He will deal with every man according to his works.
2. He will bring swift and severe punishment to his enemies.
3. He will give fabulous gifts and positions of power to his loyal supporters.

C. Even so when Jesus comes again.

1. He will come to put down all enemies and will bring swift and final punishment to them.
2. But He will reward those who have taken up the cross with fabulous gifts and positions in His Kingdom.
3. It is then that they will trade the old cross for a crown.
4. He will reward those who have done much and He will reward the one who has given only a cup of water in His name.

Conclusion:

1. This is why it is important that every unsaved man, woman, boy and girl get saved now before it is too late.
2. This is also why it is important that every saved man, woman, boy and girl take up his cross and follow Jesus.

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