

LIGHT ON THE SECOND COMING | 16:27-28

- He will come in the glory of His Father with His angels
 - The word *mello* (**shall**) is an intent word, with no indication of timing. Often it is *very soon* (Mat 2:13) and other times *not soon* (Acts 17:31). In Luke 19:11 the disciples thought that the Kingdom was **should appear immediately**, but Jesus gave a parable to teach them otherwise.
 - This speaks of a specific time when the Son of Man will come: that time in which he comes **in the glory of his father**.
 - This was clearly not His first coming.
 - There is then a conflict in Scripture if one does not separate His coming in *rapture* versus His coming in *glory*.
 - In rapture He does not come in glory (it is so fast that it is unseen) nor does He come with his angels.
 - His coming in glory is spoken of in Mt 13:41 and 49 as "the end of the age." Zech. 14:5 describes it as the end of the Tribulation. Enoch's only recorded prophecy is also about His coming with the angels (Jude 14).
 - Any passage in the gospels or in the Old Testament that speaks about his coming is speaking about the Second Coming, not the rapture, which has not yet been revealed.
- He will reward every man according to his works
 - The word *tote* (*then*) is used 90 times in Matthew, and always has an immediate sense.
 - Immediately on the day of His arrival, He will "repay every man according to His deeds." Paul also connects this repayment with the 2nd Coming (glorious coming) (Romans 2:5-8). Jesus also repeats these words in Rev 22.12.
 - The word **every** is important. If **every man** hasn't been rewarded, then the coming of the Son of Man in His glory has not yet occurred (as opposed to Preterism, which teaches this as a past event).
 - Note that each will be **rewarded according to his works**. How does this align with Ephesians 2:8-9? It doesn't, and it doesn't have to. They are talking of two different issues. Salvation is not a *repayment* nor a *reward*. Salvation is a *gift*,

and thus is not something for boasting. This message is not about salvation nor how to be saved. Rather, it is about the Second Coming and what happens at that time. Note that the Scriptures about the 2nd Coming speak of the *judgment of the nations* and the *sheep and goats* but not of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ by grace through faith. The Rapture is exclusively for the saved, but the 2nd Coming is for all nations. The sheep (Ps. 79:13, 95:7, 100:3) will receive the Kingdom and the goats will be sent to the lake of fire. Those entering the Kingdom will be given rewards based on their deeds.

SEEING THE KINGDOM IN ADVANCE | MT. 16:28

- Do these words mean, as many suppose, that Jesus established His Kingdom before some of the Apostles died? If so, His coming in Glory must be separated from His coming in His Kingdom, otherwise one must also say that Jesus has returned in glory and rewarded every man according to His deeds. However, in Mark 10:37 James and John asked to sit at Jesus' right hand "in His Glory," and the context is clearly about where they will sit "in His Kingdom." Thus, the "coming in Glory" and "coming in Kingdom" must be the same thing. Further, Daniel 7:13-14 connects the coming of the Messiah with glory AND a Kingdom, combined as one package.
- Note that the promise is for **some standing here**. We should be looking for an occasion in which *some but not all of the 12* see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.
- In context, the only explanation is that the Transfiguration of the next chapter was what Jesus was referring to here. Such explanation seems to be verified by Peter, who says they were **eyewitnesses of His majesty** on the **holy mount** of Transfiguration, and thus **we have a more sure word of prophecy** (2 Peter 1:16-19).

THE TRANSFIGURATION | MATTHEW 17:1-9

- **Transfigured** - The Greek μεταμορφώ [metamorphoo] is "to be changed." The prefix *meta* is "to change" and the root *morphe* is "form," so, "to change forms. In English, we get *morphology* and a host of scientific words from *morphe*.
- **his face did shine...** - This is the what the Lord changed into. Now, Peter James and John were the **some standing here** (16:28) who were seeing the **Son of Man coming in his kingdom**.