

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH (IBC) LINZ

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...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free. Jn.8:32

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

22:03:15

Theme: SECOND ADVENT OF CHRIST PREDICTED

Memory Verse: *Matthew 16:27 “For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works”.*

Texts: Mathew 24:3-25; Mathew 17:1-9

In unequivocal terms, the Lord Jesus spoke of His second Coming with the attendant rewards for the faithful disciples. The fact of the Second Coming of Christ is a great encouragement to Christians. His suffering, reproach, humiliation and death, if not followed by His second coming in honour and great glory, could discourage the disciple. The prophecy of His second coming is therefore good news that would kindle faith and hope in the hearts of believers to follow the Lord in holiness and steadfastness.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God and it do not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purified himself, even as he is pure. (1 John 3:2-3). A contrast can be drawn between the first and Second Advent of the Lord. In the First, He came in the nature of man but in the Second He will come in the glory of the Father. While He was followed by poor, weak and fearful disciples in His First Coming, in His Second Coming, He will be followed by powerful and glorious saints.

It is Jesus who will judge and reward all men according to their works. Believers must prepare for the Second Advent by daily self-examination to ensure that they are still in faith. They must always abound in the work of God, by evangelising and bringing souls into the kingdom; and by watching and praying. For those who are still sinners, this is the time to repent of their sins, give their lives to Christ and walk in newness of life. Postponing your salvation can lead to loss of opportunity and eternal regrets.