

# Jesus' Second Coming

Luke 21:25-37

## Introduction:

- There are 321 references to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming is the 2<sup>nd</sup> most talked about issue in Scripture next to the doctrine of salvation
- One of every 30 verses in the New Testament concerns the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming
- All 9 NT authors describe it in 23 of the 27 NT books
- **Prophetic Phases**
  - Rapture – when Christ will take His Church from the earth to heaven
  - Tribulation – a 7 year, cataclysmic, worldwide judgment
  - The Second Coming Of Christ – when Christ will come personally to rule on earth
  - The Millennium – the 1,000 year period Christ will reign on earth
- **Millennial Positions**
  - Premillennialism – Christ's Second Coming will be followed by His reign on earth for a 1,000 years
  - Postmillennialism – Christ will return following a symbolic Millennium
  - Amillennialism – do not see a literal kingdom on earth, just a future judgment

## I. The Signs Prior To Christ's Second Coming (25-26)

### A. Signs During The Tribulation Period (25)

### B. Response During The Tribulation Period (26)

1. There Had To Be A First Coming And A Reason For Christ To Leave: Israel Rejects Christ As Their Messiah (Jn 1:11; Mt 12:22-29)
2. There Has To Be A Repentance And Request For Christ To Return: Israel Repents And Calls For The Messiah's Return
  - Israel's National Repentance (Lev 26:40-42; Jer 3:11-18)
  - Israel Mourns The Fact That They Rejected And Pierced Christ (Zech 12:10)
  - Israel's Plea For Christ's Return (Zech 13:9; Hos 6:1-3; Isa 64:1-12; Mt 23:37-39)
  - The New Covenant With Israel Will Bring Salvation To Israel (Jer 31:31-34; Rom 11:2)

## II. The Sighting Of Christ's Second Coming (27-28)

### A. The Arrival (27)

## 1. Christ's First Coming is different that His Second Coming

<b>First Coming</b>	<b>Second Coming</b>
Meek Servant (Mt 20:28)	Powerful Judge (Mt 24:30-31; Rev 19:1-2)
Humble (Mt 11:29; Jn 5:41)	Majestic (1 Thess 4:16; Rev 1:7)
Save Sinners (Mt 18:11; Lk 19:10)	Judge Sinners (2 Cor 5:10; Rev 11:15)
Suffer Wrath For Sinners (Mt 16:21; Mk 9:12)	Rescue Righteous From Wrath (1 Cor 15:51-52; 1 Thess 4:15-17)
Sow Gospel Seed (Mt 13:3-9; Lk 8:11)	Reap The Harvest (Mt 13:37-42)

## 2. Christ's Rapture Is Different Than His Return

<b>Rapture (Blessed Hope)</b>	<b>Second Coming (Glorious Appearing)</b>
Comes in the air	Comes to earth
Saints raptured	Saints return
No earthly judgment	Earthly judgment
Church taken to heaven	Kingdom established on earth
No signs	Many signs
Joy	Mourning
Tribulation follows	Millennial Kingdom follows

### B. The Response (28)

## III. The Sureness Of Christ's Second Coming (29-33)

### A. The Illustration Of The Fig Tree (29-30)

### B. The Reality Of God's Kingdom (31-33)

## IV. The Severity Of Christ's Second Coming (34-37)

### A. Watch Your Heart (34-35; cf. 1 Jn 3:2-3; 2 Pet 3:14)

### B. Stay Awake (36a)

### C. Prepare To Give An Account Before Christ (36b)