

HE'LL BE BACK!

Mark 8:38—9:1

I. THE CERTAINTY OF HIS COMING (38)

- Cf. Matt. 16:27 - "For the Son of Man is going to come."
- Acts 1:9-11 - And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.¹⁰ And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them.¹¹ They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

II. THE REASON FOR HIS COMING (38A)

- Matt. 25:30-31; John 5:26-30
- Acts 10:42 - "And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead."
- Acts 17:31 - because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."
- Rom. 2:16 - on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.

II. THE REASON FOR HIS COMING (38A)

- 1 Pet. 4:5 - but they will give account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.
- Rev. 20:11-12 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.

WHOM WILL JESUS JUDGE?

- 1) Those who are fully a part of what He calls "this adulterous and sinful generation."
- 2) Those who profess Him but are ashamed of Him and His words.
- 3) Those who profess Him but are not ashamed of Him and His words.

II. THE REASON FOR HIS COMING (38A)

- A. Judging the True Disciple from the False
 - Cf. Peter denied Jesus probably four times in one night.
 - But later, Peter was willing to publically confess Christ whatever the cost.
 - Acts 5:41 - So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for *His* name.
 - And eventually, Peter was crucified for Christ.

II. THE REASON FOR HIS COMING (38A)

- A. Judging the True Disciple from the False
 - A lifelong pattern of refusing to own Him openly.
 - Cf. John 12:42-43 - Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing *Him*, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³ for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God.
 - Contrast that with Rom. 10:9-10 - if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; ¹⁰ for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.
 - Cf. Matt. 10:32-33 - "Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven." ³³ "But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven."

II. THE REASON FOR HIS COMING (38A)

- A. Judging the True Disciple from the False
- B. Sentencing the Guilty on the Basis of their Works
 - Matt. 16:27 - "For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and WILL THEN REPAY EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS."

WHAT WILL BE JESUS' VERDICT FOR YOU?

- 1) If you are not a follower of Christ?
 - John 3:16, 18-20, 36
 - Rom. 3:10-18, 19-20
 - 2 Th. 1:6-10
- 2) If you are truly His disciple?
 - Rom. 8:1 - there is now no condemnation—no verdict of guilty.
 - Rom. 5:1 - there is now a verdict of righteous.
 - Rom. 5:8-10 - there will be no wrath then.

III. THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS COMING (38B)

- 1) In His own glory.
 - II Luke 9:26 - "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in His glory."
 - Cf. Deut. 33:2 - "The LORD came from Sinai, And dawned on them from Seir; He shone forth from Mount Paran, And He came from the midst of ten thousand holy ones; At His right hand there was flashing lightning for them."
- 2) In His Father's glory (38)
 - Cf. Ezek. 1:26-28
- 3) Accompanied by the holy angels

THE ROLE OF ANGELS

- They announce God's judgments (Gen. 19:13; Rev. 14:6-7; 19:17-18)
- They separate the unrighteous from the righteous (Matt. 13:39-40)
- They carry out God's judgments.
 - Acts 12:23 - And immediately an angel of the Lord struck him because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and died.
 - Rev. 16:1 - Then I heard a loud voice from the temple, saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God."

THE ROLE OF ANGELS

- At the end of the age...
 - They will gather believers.
 - Mark 13:27 - "then He will send forth the angels, and will gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of heaven."
 - They will gather unbelievers.
 - Matt. 13:41, 49, 50.

IV. THE PREVIEW OF HIS GLORIOUS COMING (9:1)

- Various explanations...
 - 1) His resurrection
 - 2) His ascension
 - 3) The events at Pentecost (Acts 2)
 - 4) The spread of the Christian faith
 - 5) The destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD
 - 6) The 2nd Coming

IV. THE PREVIEW OF HIS GLORIOUS COMING (9:1)

- The Context...
 - Immediately followed by the Transfiguration.
 - Mark 9:2 - Six days later, Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and brought them up on a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them;
 - Matt. 17:1 - Six days later Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up on a high mountain by themselves.
 - Luke 9:28 - Some eight days after these sayings, He took along Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.

IMPLICATIONS...

- 1) Jesus will be back!
- 2) Jesus will be your judge!
 - Rev. 6:16 - and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb!"
 - Rev. 19:15 - From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.
 - Rev. 20:11 - Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.

IMPLICATIONS...

- 3) For believers, the certainty of His coming serves as a motive to pursue holiness.
 - 1 John 3:2 - Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.
- 4) For believers, the 2nd Coming also serves a motive to warn unbelievers.
 - Acts 17:31 - [God] has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."
- 5) This passage serves as a reminder to us that Jesus will not only return, but He will establish His kingdom.