

HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

The Teachings of Jesus – Part 13

The Second Coming of Jesus

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies entitled The Teachings of Jesus. Our topic today: The teaching of Jesus about the second coming of Jesus.

Scripture Theme Song: “Let the word of Christ” – Colossians 3:16

- 1) The promise of Jesus about His return
 - a) John 14:1-3
 - b) More than 300 references to the second coming of Jesus in the NT. What does that tell you?
- 2) The purpose of Jesus’ second coming
 - a) John 14:3
 - b) Matthew 16:27 (Revelation 22:12) – does that include everyone?
 - c) Does this text suggest our works save us?
 - i) John 3:16
 - ii) Luke 7:50
 - iii) Ephesians 2:8-9
 - iv) We are rewarded according to our works, not saved according to our works.
- 3) The nature of Christ’s return
 - a) Why is it important to know how Jesus will return? Matthew 24:5, 23-26
 - b) Matthew 24:27 (See also Revelation 1:7) - visible
 - c) Matthew 27:30 – glorious (See Rev 19:11-16)
 - d) John 14:3 – personal (See Acts 1:9-11)
 - e) John 6:40; Matthew 24:31 – involves a resurrection (See also 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
- 4) The timing for Christ’s return
 - a) Matthew 24:36 – no date setting!
 - b) But we should pay attention to the signs.
 - i) Matthew 24:4 – how can we avoid being deceived?
 - ii) Matthew 24:5-14; 21-26, 37-39
 - c) How are we seeing these prophecies fulfilled all around us? What are the most startling fulfillments for you?
- 5) Ready for Christ’s glorious return
 - a) How can we be certain that we will be ready on the day of Christ’s glorious return? Matthew 24:44
 - b) What does it mean to “be ready”?
 - i) Trust in Jesus today – John 5:24; 1 John 5:11-13
 - (1) What tragic words does Jesus speak to the foolish virgins? Matthew 25:12
 - ii) Do His work today – Matthew 24:45-46
 - iii) Watch today – Matthew 25:13
 - c) Why is it vitally important to be ready today even if Christ doesn’t return for another 5 years?
 - i) James 4:13-15
 - ii) Matthew 24:48-51
 - (1) How can we avoid the careless attitude of living as if Jesus is never coming back?
 - d) What excites you the most when you think about the return of Jesus in glory?