



“Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign when all these things will be fulfilled.”

– Mark 13:4

THE SECOND COMING

How do we react to biblical teachings concerning the Second Coming?

◎ “Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! The Lord is at hand.”

(Phil 4:4-5)

◎ Four Questions:

- When will the End come?
- How shall we be judged?
- What will hell look like?
- What will heaven look like?



When will the End come?¹

- “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.” (Mark 13:32)
- Parables of surprise
- “For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.” (1 Thes 5:2)
- WE DO NOT KNOW



When will the End come?²

◎ Various signs

- “Before the end, the gospel will be preached to the whole world.”
(Matt 13:10)
- “And so all Israel will be saved.”
(Rom 11:26)
- “The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders ...” (2 Thes. 2:9)

◎ Be SOBER, be VIGILANT, and be WATCHFUL



How shall we be judged?

- “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats... for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.”

(Matt 25:31-32; 35-36)



What is hell?

- ⦿ *“Jesus came to persuade, not compel, us to salvation, because violence has no part in the character of God.” -- Mathetus 130 AD*
- ⦿ *“I also maintain that those who are punished in Gehenna, are scourged by the scourge of love. Nay, what is so bitter and vehement as the torment of love?...It would be improper for a man to think that sinners in Gehenna are deprived of the love of God...it torments sinners...Thus I say that this is the torment of Gehenna: bitter regret.”
-- St. Isaac of Syria*



What is heaven?

- *“...we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the age to come.”*
(Creed)
- **“It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.”**
(1 Cor. 15:44)
- It is not boring
- *“No only in this present age and in the age to come God will always have something more to teach us humans and we will always have something new to learn from God.”*
(St. Irenaeus)



How do we react to biblical teachings concerning the Second Coming?



- Knowing these things should give us comfort
- What you think of heaven will determine how you live on earth