

Contrasting the 1st & 2nd Comings of Jesus

(Hebrews 9:28)

- Introduction:
1. At a time when many people are remembering the entrance of Jesus into this world, I thought it would be a helpful reminder to not only consider his first coming, but also his second.
 2. Carefully consider the following contrasts.

I. Contrast #1

- A. His arrival was known to few but looked forward to by many.
 1. (Luke 2:8-20).
 2. (Luke 3:15).
- B. His arrival will be known to all but looked for by few.
 1. (Revelation 1:7).
 2. (John 5:28-29; 1 Corinthians 51-52).
 3. (Luke 18:8; Matthew 24:37-39).

II. Contrast #2

- A. He came as a helpless baby.
 1. (Matthew 1:18-25).
 2. (Luke 2:1-7).
- B. He will come as a triumphant King.
 1. (Matthew 25:31).
 2. (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).

III. Contrast #3

- A. He came to save.
 1. (Matthew 1:21).
 2. (Luke 1:47; 2:40).
- B. He will come to judge.
 1. (Matthew 25:31-32).
 2. (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).
 3. (Acts 17:30-31).

IV. Contrast #4

- A. He came to set up a kingdom.
 1. (Daniel 2:44).
 2. (Matthew 4:17).
 3. (Mark 9:1).
 4. (Matthew 16:18-19).
- B. He will come to deliver up a kingdom.
 1. (1 Corinthians 15:24-26).
 2. (Acts 2:30-31).

V. Contrast #5

- A. When he came, he had to flee from people.
 - 1. (Matthew 2:13-18).
- B. When he comes, people will want to flee from him.
 - 1. (Revelation 6:16).
 - 2. (Hebrews 2:3).

- Conclusion:
- 1. Please don't make the mistake of only looking backwards at the 1st coming of Jesus into the world.
 - 2. Remember also, to look forward to his 2nd coming.
 - 3. Failing to do the latter nullifies the importance of the former for your life.