



WHEN Christ SHALL Come

AN ADVENT SERMON SERIES

WEEK 1: SAVIOUR | JUDGE

Welcome:

What former band or music group would you want to get back together again?

Worship:

Sing, *HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD*

Introduction: This past Sunday, the Church officially entered the Advent Season. Advent is a time when the church looks forward to the return of Jesus our Messiah. On each of the four Sundays before Christmas, we light a candle symbolizing our preparation for the return of the Messiah Jesus. All throughout the gospels, Jesus promised that He will return, and the apostles taught so strongly about it that early Christians eventually incorporated it in the creeds.

On Sunday, Pastor Ta opened our series *WHEN CHRIST SHALL COME*, where he spoke about Christ's being the Saviour and Judge when He returns.

Word:

READ **MATTHEW 25:31-46**

Let's discuss the sermon. Pastor Ta shared some the following points:

1. THE GLORIOUS RETURN. Verse 31.

Jesus will return. The day and time may be unknown, but the promise remains true.

2. THE GREAT SEPARATION. Verses 32-33.

Jesus' return will be a defining moment for believers and unbelievers.

3. THE GREAT SAVIOUR. Verses 34-40.

Jesus calls His followers into His presence and affirming the evidence of their faith through their actions, and given entrance into eternal life.

4. THE GREAT JUDGE. Verses 41-46.

Jesus judges unbelievers and sends them to their final destination.

Discussion Questions:

1. When you think about the second coming of Christ, how does it make you feel? Why do you feel this way?
2. How do you feel about the Great Separation, does it contradict the character of Jesus as a gracious Savior?
3. Why does it sound as though salvation is a result of works in verses 34-40? How does this align with Ephesians 2:8-9 and James 2:14-17?
4. Knowing that Christ could return at any time, what's one important thing you've been putting off doing later that you need to do now?
5. How can you draw hope from the fact that Christ could return at any time and reunite you with God forever?

Work:

Why do you think is the Father holding off Christ's return? Read 2 Peter 3:8-10.

- Christmas season is a great time to invite unbelieving friends to come to church and hear the Gospel. Who will you invite?
- Will you make a commitment to allow your faith to bear fruit of good deeds?

Pray for opportunities for yourself and your group to lead someone to Jesus.