

MATTHEW 16:27-28 = THE RESURRECTION OF 1 THESSALONIANS 4 & 1 CORINTHIANS 15

The following short study provides powerful biblical evidence for a first century Parousia (second coming) of Christ, in fulfillment of apostolic doctrine.

As the following parallels show, the coming of the Son of Man in Matthew 16:27-28 serve as a primary source for Paul's prophecy of the coming of the Lord in 1 Thessalonians 4:15.

Matthew 16:28

Truly I say to you, there are *some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.*

1 Thessalonians 4:15

"For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that *we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord....*"

Those of Paul's generation who would remain alive *until* the coming of the Lord, were those of Jesus' generation who would not taste death *until* they saw the coming of the Son of Man. The following comparative chart confirms this position:

MATTHEW 16:27-28	1 THESSALONIANS 4:15-17
Coming of the Son of Man (16:27-28)	Coming of the Lord himself (4:15-16)
With the angels (16:27)	With the voice of the archangel (4:16)
To repay (reward) with the kingdom (16:27-28)	To receive resurrection and salvation (4:16-17. 5:9)
<i>Some standing here will not taste death until.... (16:28)</i>	<i>We who are alive and remain until.... (4:15,17)</i>

Based on this evidence, consider the following argument:

-The coming of the Son of Man in Matthew 16:27-28 = the coming of the Lord himself in 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17.

-But, 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 prophesied the second coming of Christ for the resurrection in the lifetime of Paul's generation.

-Therefore, Matthew 16:27-28 prophesied the second coming of Christ for the resurrection in the lifetime of Paul's generation which in fact is precisely what Jesus promised (Matthew 16:28).

But that's not all. The coming of the Lord in 1 Thessalonians 4 is also the second coming of Christ for the resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15.

1 Thessalonians 4:15-16

For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that *we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord....* For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel *and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.*

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

Behold, I tell you a mystery; *we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed.... for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.*

The following chart highlights these parallels:

1 THESSALONIANS 4	1 CORINTHIANS 15
The coming (Parousia) of the Lord (4:15)	The coming (Parousia) of the Lord (15:23)
The trumpet of God (4:16)	The last trumpet (15:52)
The dead in Christ will rise (4:16)	The dead raised imperishable (15:52)
According to “the word of the Lord” (4:15)	According to the saying “that is written” (15:54)
Some of those who were alive would “remain until” (4:15)	Those who were alive would “not all sleep” (15:51)

Based on this evidence, consider the following conclusion:

-The coming of the Son of Man in Matthew 16:27-28 = the coming of the Lord in 1 Thessalonians 4 and 1 Corinthians 15.

-But, the coming of the Lord in 1 Thessalonians 4 and 1 Corinthians 15 is the second coming of Christ for the resurrection in the lifetime of Pauls’ generation.

-Therefore, Matthew 16:27-28 prophesied the second coming of Christ at the time of the resurrection of both 1 Thessalonians 4 and 1 Corinthians 15, which must have been fulfilled in the lifetime of both Jesus and Paul’s contemporary generation.

The final comparative chart fully vindicates this conclusion:

MATTHEW 16	MATTHEW 24	1 THESSALONIANS 4	1 CORINTHIANS 15
Coming of the Son of Man (16:27-28)	Coming of the Son of Man (24:30)	Coming of the Lord himself (4:15-16)	The coming of the Lord (15:23)
With the angels (16:27)	With the angels (24:31)	With the voice of the archangel (4:16)	The last trumpet, the seventh angel (15:52)
The resurrection (repay every man) (16:27)	The resurrection (gather together the elect) (24:31)	The resurrection (dead in Christ rise) (4:16)	The resurrection (dead raised imperishable) (15:52)
Some standing here will not taste death <i>until they see the Son of Man coming....</i> (16:28)	This generation will not pass away <i>until all these things are fulfilled</i> (24:34)	We who are alive and remain <i>until the coming of the Lord</i> (4:15,17)	We shall <i>“not all sleep”</i> but we shall all be changed (15:51)