

Christmas Day Service. Don't Miss Jesus' Second Advent.

Scripture: Luke 2:8-14

Welcome – finally we are here, on Christmas Day to wish Happy Birthday to our Lord and Saviour.

Some people may be waiting to see what gifts have been left for them under the tree.

Sometimes we need new underwear, but that's not necessarily what we want for Christmas. Sometimes we want a new gizmo, but we may not need another device. Whatever it is, we hope that when we unwrap the gift it is exactly what we wanted.

The best gift is when we not only get something we want, but when what we want is also what we need. God's precious gift – His One and Only Son Jesus.

Who was a Jesus' First coming?

Joseph and Mary obviously. A few shepherds, Angels and some barn animals.

The rest of the world missed it – not because it was hidden from their eyes or particularly confusing. Everybody knew to the day and hour when Messiah would be born.

It was because they were:

too busy; distracted with life's struggles and attractions and/or uninterested.



Who is going to miss His Second Coming?

You see the same situation exists today. Many of us are too busy; we have distractions galore like video games, cinemas, shopping centres, phones, computers, and just may have no interest.

Hebrews 9:28 says: Christ sacrificed once to take away the sins of many and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him.

Let me ask you – are you ready?

We all put a lot of preparation into Christmas – the planning, searching, scrimping, and saving together to afford the right gifts, the right tree, decorations and light and let's not forget all that cooking and the expectations – everyone seems to want everything all at once.

John 14:3 “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”

Matthew 24:44 “So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him.”

The Bible talks about Christ's second coming over 10 times more than His first coming. So, we really have no excuse to get caught off-guard.

Have you done any soul-searching; any planning or do you leave everything to the last minute? Is there any expectation – are you looking forward to seeing Jesus?

If you are not ready – you cannot put off getting saved any longer, or you will miss the glory of Christ’s return.

Salvation came when Jesus died on the cross.

Salvation was confirmed when Jesus rose from the dead.

Salvation is completed when Jesus returns.

The question is not – did Jesus bring salvation because the answer to that is “yes.” It is confirmed historical truth.

The question is – have you received His salvation and if not, I invite you today, to receive the gift of eternal life here this morning.