

Prophecy with a Twist
Being intentional with God's word
Matthew 16:28-17:13

Be intentional in listening to the word of God (16:28-17:9)

- The coming of Christ prophecy – some of the apostles would not do _____ before seeing Christ coming in **His kingdom**

(synonymous with God's kingdom and the kingdom of heaven)

- ① This term sometimes was used to refer to a s_____ kingdom, equivalent to being saved (Matt 21:31; Col 1:13)
- ② This term sometimes was used to refer to a display of God's reigning power through m_____ (Lk 10:9; Matt 12:28)
- ③ This term sometimes was used to refer to Christ's f_____ kingdom He sets up at His second coming (Rev 11:15)
- ④ The context demands we understand it as #3 (Matt 16:27)

- The fulfillment of this prophecy

- ① Every gospel account links this prophecy with the t_____ (*days later...* - Mk 9:1,2; Lk 9:27-29) which tells us that the writers believed it to be the fulfillment)
- ② P_____ called the experience as seeing the *power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ* (2Pet 1:16-18).
- ③ Jesus called this a v_____ (NIV wrongly translates, *what you have seen*). The Greek word used is the same one used in Acts 9:10; 10:3,17; 12:9; 16:9 for vision.
- ④ In this vision, God the Father commanded the apostles to l_____ to His Son who would suffer for sins (verse 5)

- How can you be intentional about listening to God's word?

- ① On a daily basis – r_____ God's word **prayerfully** and m_____ on God's word throughout the day (see Matt 4:4; Josh 1:8; Ps 1:2; Col 3:16).
- ② On a weekly basis – s_____ and discuss God's word with others (e.g. small church groups)
- ③ On a weekly basis – listening to someone who works h_____ at preaching and teaching God's word (e.g. sermons).

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- The coming of Elijah prophecy – the scribes (e_____ in the scriptures) taught that Elijah must come before Christ

- ① In verse 11 Jesus s_____ the prophecy of Mal 4:5,6
- ② In verse 12 Jesus declares the prophecy as already f_____ in John the Baptist who came not as the historical Elijah but a t_____ of Elijah as the angel explained to John the Baptist's f_____ (see Lk 1:17; see also Hosea 3:5 and Ezek 37:24 for the Christ being called David).
- This interpretation by the scribes prevented them from r_____ John the Baptist as fulfilling prophecy.
- Are there interpretations that you hold to that you have never checked out? Acts 17:10 shows us that doing this is being n_____ - minded.
- The following statements promote a belief that is based on the assumption of _____
 - ① Because we have free will, we can lose our salvation.
 - ② Because we have free will, we can be saved and sin all we want.
- What does the Bible say about free-will?
 - ① Romans 6:20 pictures the unbeliever as a s_____ to sin and free from righteousness
 - ☛ All an unbeliever can do is sin – remember, sin is falling s_____ of glorifying God in your life – Rom 3:23)
 - ☛ Any unbeliever can choose the k_____ of sin to commit, which explains the degrees of wickedness in the world (Gen 6:5,11; 13:13).
 - ② Romans 6:22 pictures a believer as being freed from sin and enslaved to _____ (see also Rom 6:18)
 - ☛ A believer can c_____ to sin OR to glorify God at any given moment (Rom 6:12).
 - ☛ A believer cannot choose to live a l_____ of sin nor to reject Christ.
 - Gal 5:19-21 states that those who have a lifestyle of sin c_____ inherit God's kingdom.
 - Col 1:21-23 gives the t_____ of a genuine conversion - *Christ reconciled you IF you continue in the faith.*
 - ③ God changes a believer's will by working in that person the w_____ to please Him and the power to practice it (Phil 1:13).