

INCENTIVES FOR DISCIPLESHIP
(Matthew 16:27-28)

- I. The Promised RETURN (Matt. 16:27a)
 - A. Promised He IS COMING
 - 1. His return will be in the FUTURE
 - 2. His return CANNOT be PREVENTED
 - B. Identified Himself as “the Son of MAN” (cf. Dan. 7:9-14)
 - 1. He will be given WORLDWIDE DOMINION
 - 2. His Kingdom will NEVER be DESTROYED
 - C. Affirmed He will come “in the GLORY of His FATHER” (cf. Ps. 72:19; Isa. 6:3; Matt. 24:29-31)
 - 1. He is also “the Son of the LIVING GOD” (cf. 16:16-17)
 - 2. He is ENTITLED to divine GLORY (John 17:5; Col. 2:9; cf. Phil 2:6-7)
 - D. Declared He will come “with HIS ANGELS”
 - 1. They will UPROOT the “tares” for DESTRUCTION (13:41)
 - 2. They will GATHER the ELECT into the Kingdom (24:31)
- II. The Promised RECOMPENSE (Matt. 16:27b)
 - A. Stated that He will REPAY EVERYONE

1. Every disciple can anticipate REWARD for SERVICE (Matt. 25:21; 1 Cor. 3:14)
 2. Every unbeliever will face CONDEMNATION and PUNISHMENT (Matt. 7:22-23; 2 Thess. 1:6-10)
- B. Warned it will be “according to” their DEEDS (cf. Matt. 7:21-23; 1 Cor. 3:13; 2 Cor. 5:9-10; Rev. 2:23; 20:13; 22:12)
1. This is not SALVATION by works
 2. This is a REVELATION by works

III. The Promised REVELATION (Matt. 16:28)

- A. Made to “SOME ... who are standing HERE”
- B. Said they would “SEE the Son of Man COMING in His ROYALTY” (Matt. 17:1-9)
1. His Transfiguration was WITNESSED by PETER, JAMES, and JOHN
 2. His Transfiguration REVEALED His ROYAL GLORY