

The Two Advents of Jesus Christ

What are the differences between the two advents (comings) of Jesus Christ to earth?

In His first advent, Jesus Christ came to earth as a baby in a manger in Bethlehem, just as predicted 600 years before. Jesus fulfilled many of the prophecies of the Messiah during His birth, life, ministry, death, and resurrection. In His first advent, Jesus was the suffering Servant.

In His second advent, Jesus will be the conquering King and will arrive with the armies of Heaven at His side. Below are some additional points of comparison.

<u>The First Advent of Christ:</u>	<u>The Second Advent of Christ:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is a matter of historical fact and biblical prophetic fulfillment (300+) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is a matter of biblical prophecy yet to be fulfilled (<i>Acts 1:9-11, Revelation 19:10, John 14:1-3</i>)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He came to earth as a newborn baby and lived and died as a human being in the flesh (<i>Luke 2:6-7, Philippians 2:5-8</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He will come in glorified supernatural form (<i>Matthew 17:1-3, Revelation 1:12-18</i>)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He came to suffer and die to pay the penalty for the sins of the world (<i>Isaiah 53:4-6</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christ will come to rule and reign and judge the world (<i>Psalms 2:9, Revelation 19:15, Jude 14-15</i>)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He came to be the Savior of sinners. (<i>Luke 19:10</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christ will come to be the King of Kings, Lord of Lords and judge the world. (<i>Revelation 19:16, Revelation 17:13-14</i>)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He came with meekness and humility, born in a stable and entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey (<i>Zechariah 9:9, Matthew 21:4-5</i>). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christ will come with power and glory, riding on a white horse and defend Jerusalem. (<i>Revelation 19:11-14, Zechariah 14:3-9</i>)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He came to bring spiritual peace to the human heart (<i>John 14:26-27</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christ will come to ultimately bring peace to the entire world. (<i>Luke 2:13-14, Zechariah 9:10</i>)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He was rejected by the many including the Jewish people (leaders) who, in conspiracy with the Romans, crucified Him (<i>Isaiah 53:3, John 1:10-12</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He will finally be received by the Jewish people and worshipped (willingly or unwillingly) by the entire world. (<i>Isaiah 45:18,19, 22-25</i>)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government remained in the hands of man 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government will be in His hands (<i>Isaiah 9:6</i>)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He came to establish a spiritual kingdom (<i>John 18:35-37, Matthew 4:16-17, Matthew 5:3, 10, 19, 20</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He will establish a literal earthly and eternal kingdom (<i>Isaiah 9:7, Luke 1:30-33, Revelation 11:15</i>)