

Short Talk

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We will all meet Jesus

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SHORT TALK: “We will all meet Jesus”

- Aim of Short talk:** To encourage people that one day we will all meet Jesus at the end of the age when He returns to earth as Judge, and that we need to be ready for that day.
- Use of Short talk:** This is a short All Age talk picking out one issue from the Lectionary Gospel reading of the Sunday main service. The talk stands alone and assumes that the Gospel Bible reading may not yet have been read to the congregation. It could be used for example, for the whole congregation before the children go out to their age specific groups, leaving the adults with a full sermon later.
- Main themes:** Advent, Jesus, Judge, Second coming, Being ready
- Biblical references:** Luke 21.25-36
- Lectionary:** Year C – The 1st Sunday of Advent

Have any of you ever met a famous person or celebrity? *(Receive responses)*

- What was it like? *(Receive responses)*
- Was the person you met as great as you expected them to be? *(Receive responses)*

Have any of ever met a King or a Queen? *(Receive responses)*

- What was it like? *(Receive responses)*
- Was the King/Queen as great as you expected them to be? *(Receive responses)*

[Have a short anecdote about someone you have met in case you get no answers from the congregation!]

This Sunday is called Advent Sunday and the news of Advent is truly wonderful.

- One day Jesus, who is King of Kings, is coming back to earth.

On the day that Jesus returns, the Bible tells us that everyone everywhere will know about it, (Luke 21:35)

- because this time Jesus will not be coming to earth as a baby but as the judge of all the earth.

Each one of us will meet Jesus and see His beautiful and loving face.

- We will see Him in all of His glory and in all of His holiness and we will bow down before Him. (Philippians 2:10)
- It will be awesome – in the true sense of the word.
- I think that on that day we will discover that Jesus is so much greater and more wonderful than we have ever expected or imagined Him to be.

But the day that we meet Jesus is also the day when all that we have done with our lives will be judged by Him;

- whether we have chosen to live for Him,
- or whether we have chosen to ignore Him or even live against Him,

So Jesus in His kindness warned us that this day is coming and that we need to be ready for it.

But how?

- Well let me give you 3 simple ways to be ready for the day when you meet Jesus.
- i) Get ready by following Jesus each day, even when others around you don't.
 - ii) Get ready by choosing to do the things that are right – not wrong things, even when others around you don't and finally
 - iii) Get ready by spending some time each day praying, getting to know Jesus better, even when others around you don't, so that when you meet Jesus, He knows you.

Advent reminds us of the truth that Jesus the King is coming back to earth.

- One day you and I will meet Him,
- so let's BE READY!