

Not so Random Thoughts about the Parousia of Jesus Christ

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In his "Random Thoughts" column in the Monday, June 3rd, 2013 Dakota Herald, a certain man wrote:

"One key to support (the) divine inspiration (of the Bible) is prophecy, which encompasses over 2,500 predictions with almost 2000 of them being fulfilled."

If this person's figures are correct, that would mean that there are about 500 prophecies within the pages of the Bible that have not been fulfilled. This is a request for this person to provide us with a complete list of those unfulfilled prophecies; even a partial list of say 50 prophecies that have not been fulfilled would do. (He never provided any)

I suspect that one of the prophecies of Jesus Christ written in the Bible that this person would list as not fulfilled would be the one found in Luke 9:26-27:

"“For whoever is ashamed of me and the words of mine, of this one will the Son of Man be ashamed when **he comes in his glory** and the glory of the Father and of the holy messengers. But I tell you truly, **there are some standing here** who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God.”” (Lu 9:26-27, emphasis added)"

Now let us take a very close look at this prophecy which was given by Jesus (Lu 9:21) to His first century disciples (Lu 9:18). All Bible students agree that Jesus lived in the early years of the first century AD. Thus, the disciples "standing here" were also living in the early years of the first century. Thus, we have a first century Jesus speaking to His first century disciples. To those disciples, Jesus said that "there are some (of you) standing here (with Jesus in the first century)" who would not die until they saw Jesus come in His glory and they would "see the kingdom of God".

Matthew records the same prophecy:

"“For the Son of Man is going to come with his messengers in the glory of his Father, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they **see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.**”” (Mt 16:27-28, emphasis added)"

As does Mark:

"“For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this (first century) adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy messengers.” And he said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death **until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power.**”” (Mr 8:38-9:1, emphasis added)"

It should be clear by now that Matthew, Mark and Luke all agree that the first century Jesus told His first century disciples that some of them standing there with Jesus that day in the first century would still be alive to see the "second coming" of Jesus "in glory" and "power". These verses clearly demonstrate that "His kingdom is the "kingdom of God" which He promised in Daniel 2:44 and that the heavenly kingdom of Jesus [2Tim 4:18] would come in its full glory before the last of these disciples had died. This prophecy also confirms that these first century disciples would receive their "rewards" in His kingdom within the context of this first century "Parousia" of Jesus Christ.

If this prophecy has not been fulfilled, then some of those first century disciples must still be alive somewhere on earth today or Jesus did not know what He was talking about and thus seriously mislead His first century disciples.

We most certainly know that none of those disciples are alive on earth today. There is absolutely no way that I can accept the false notion that Jesus did not know what He was talking about.

Therefore, there is only one conclusion that I can accept -- that is that **this prophecy about the "Parousia" of Jesus was fulfilled in the first century just exactly like Jesus said that it would be!!!**

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