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APPLYING THE PRINCIPLES OF MATHEMATICS IN DETERMINING THE UNKNOWN: A LOOK INTO A STATEMENT OF JESUS CHRIST

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In mathematics, while trying to solve a complex equation, you iteratively assign the established values to variables, thereby reducing (simplifying) the complex equation to a state where you are left with just the unknown variable(s).

In a similar way, we can bring out things established from the statements of Jesus in Matthew 16:28, Mark 9:1, and Luke 9:27 (see REFERENCE section), leaving out the unknowns, in order to unravel the event he was referring to:

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1) JESUS WAS NOT TALKING ABOUT THE TRANSFIGURATION

Some have said that the event Jesus referred to in Matthew 16:28, Mark 9:1, and Luke 9:27 is THE TRANSFIGURATION, but the transfiguration took place about 1 week after this statement was made (about 6-8 days after) so Jesus could NOT possibly be saying SOME STANDING here would NOT TASTE DEATH if he was referring to an event that would happen in 1 week's time. Infact that would have been hilarious as it is rather certain that majority of those standing there would be alive 1 week later.

Moreover, the book of John

Chapter 21 clarifies any doubt on whether the event Jesus referred to was the transfiguration as the event in John 21 occurred after Jesus rose from the dead (and after the transfiguration) and the people were still keen to know from Jesus if John, The Beloved, was among those to be alive at His promised coming (so they were obviously still expecting the event Jesus spoke about in Matthew

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16:27-28, Mark 9:1, and Luke 9:27, even after His transfiguration).

The 1st verse (John 21:1) makes it obvious that this event occurred after the death of Jesus (one of the ways He revealed himself privately to His disciples after his death/resurrection and prior to His ascension). Also, this event in John 21 occurred after the transfiguration, which makes it obvious that the statement Jesus made in Matthew 16:27-28, Mark 9:1, and Luke 9:27 was NOT fulfilled by His transfiguration (which occurred before His death and few days after the statement in question).

2) JESUS WAS NOT TALKING ABOUT SPIRITUAL DEATH BUT PHYSICAL DEATH

The same Greek Strong's number, #2288, is used for the word "death" in all the above scriptures. This refers to the Greek word "Thanatos" which could mean both physical death (death of the body) and spiritual death (the miserable state of the wicked, dead in hell).

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Moreover, a look into the CONTEXT in which the word is used would be a pointer to which is implied - physical or spiritual death.

It may NOT be easy to tell from the context in Matthew 16:27-28, Mark 9:1, and Luke 9:27, about the kind of death Jesus referred to. However, the phrase "when you are old" from a related context in John 21:18-23 (which was obviously referring to the event he spoke about in Matthew 16:27-28, Mark 9:1, and Luke 9:27) makes it more obvious that Jesus spoke about PHYSICAL DEATH -

"Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but WHEN YOU ARE OLD you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go" (John 21:18-19 NIRV).

Jesus said this to point out how Peter would die. His death would bring glory to God.

Jesus was telling Peter here the kind of PHYSICAL death he would die (possibly that he would lose his sight before he dies at an old age). In John

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21:20-23, Peter having known the kind of PHYSICAL death he would die, wanted to know about that of John, The Beloved, who was following them.

3) THE EVENT JESUS SPOKE ABOUT HAD TO DO WITH HIS COMING IN THE CLOUD (SKY) WITH POWER AND GLORY

This should be obvious from the scripture and other related scriptures.

[UNKNOWN]

1) HAS THE EVENT JESUS REFERRED TO POSSIBLY OCCURRED?

Obviously, all the Apostles and those who were present when Jesus spoke are NOT living on earth today, so the above question arises?

2) WHY DO WE REFER TO THIS EVENT AS THE "SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST" TODAY AND WHEN DID THE "FIRST COMING" OCCUR?

The "COMING" of Jesus Christ is also referred to as

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ADVENT and bible scholars state that the event would occur twice. Bible scholars refer to the FIRST COMING (ADVENT) of Jesus Christ as THE RAPTURE, while the SECOND COMING (ADVENT) is believed by bible scholars to herald THE END OF THE WORLD.

Some in the Catholic timeline of events ERRONEOUSLY refer to the BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST as the FIRST COMING (ADVENT). This obviously does NOT align with the "COMING IN THE CLOUDS (SKY) WITH POWER AND GLORY" in the statement of Jesus in reference to the event in question.

So the above question remains.

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<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+16%3A28&version=NKJV>

"Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom." (Matthew 16:28 NKJV)

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<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+24%3A30&version=NKJV>

"Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."
(Matthew 24:30 NKJV)

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<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+9%3A1&version=NKJV>

"And He said to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power.'" (Mark 9:1 NKJV)

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"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory." (Mark 13:26 NKJV)

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"But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:27 NKJV)

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"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." (Luke 21:27 NKJV)