

Bible Study
January 1, 2024
7:00 pm

In this lesson, we will:

- Understand that, we will face Christ, either as our Saviour or as our Judge;
- Realize that our eternal judgment is based on whether we accept or reject Jesus during our lifetime;
- Determine to live in such a way that we will hear “well done” from Jesus on the day He serves as our Judge.

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.” (John 5:24)

Introduction: Focus Story

Jesus Is Authority and Judge
John 5:19-29

Devotional Reading (2 Timothy 4:1-5)

1. Jesus Answers the Charge (John 5:19-23)
2. Jesus Explains How to Obtain Eternal Life (John 5:24)
3. Jesus Gives End-Time Prophecy (John 5:25-29)

Conclusion/Takeaways

Focus Story

Steve lived life in the fast lane. He enjoyed the parties, the bright lights, and the late night club-hopping. Now that he was rapidly approaching 60 years old, he realized that he had been fooling himself. His lifestyle had not brought fulfillment and meaning at all. In fact, after two divorces, countless women, and estrangement from his only daughter, he was still searching in all the wrong places for peace and happiness. Now he felt all alone, hopeless, and helpless, and the alcohol was no longer dulling the pain.

Even though he sometimes went to church, Steve realized that he still did not know God; the God who would one day be his Judge and ask, “Steve, what did you do with Jesus?”

In today’s lesson, we learn that Jesus is indeed the Higher Authority over us all. When we come to the end of our life, we have Him and His judgment to face.

You must know:

Jesus is God in the flesh. He is fully God and fully man. He is a member of the triune God consisting of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. God the Son took on human flesh and entered this world as a suffering servant in order to die on the Cross for the sins of humankind. During His ministry, Jesus not only performed great miracles of healing and deliverance, but also preached to great crowds, trained His 12 disciples, and debated with religious leaders, who later had Him killed. Fortunately, Jesus did not remain in the grave. After three days and nights, He arose from the grave, conquering sin, death, and Satan. Jesus is coming back a second time, but not as a suffering servant. Rather, He is coming with great authority as Judge.

John, one of the “sons of thunder,” John was a fisherman and one of Jesus’ 12 disciples. With Peter and James, he made up Jesus’ inner circle.

Scholars believe that John and his brother James were given the title “sons of thunder” because of an incident that happened when he and James went to a Samaritan village to prepare the way for Jesus’ arrival. When the Samaritans refused to welcome them, James and John asked Jesus for permission to call fire down from heaven to destroy them (Luke 9:51-56).

Before following Jesus, the apostle John was also the writer of five New Testament books: the gospel of John; 1,2,3 John; and the book of Revelation. He wrote to new Christians and searching non-Christians to prove that Jesus is indeed who He said He was: the Messiah, the Son of the living God. John made it clear that Jesus was more than just a mere man; He is the eternal Son of God, the Light of the World.

In our Scripture passage, Jesus is becoming more of a threat to the Jewish religious leaders because of all the wonders he was performing.

John 5:19-29

Verse 19. Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

Verse 20. For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

Verse 21. For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

Verse 22. For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

Verse 23. that all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

Verse 24. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Verse 25. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

Verse 26. For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

Verse 27. and hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

Verse 28. Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

Verse 29. and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.



My Good and Faithful Servants

“Lord help us to live in a way to hear “well done” from Jesus on the day He comes back as Judge. Amen!”