

JESUS IS THE JUDGE OF ALL THE EARTH

Intro: The Second Coming and Judgment are always interesting studies which always bring a great deal of controversy. Let us study this especially from the aspect of Jesus being the Judge of all the earth.

I. JESUS IS COMING AGAIN.

A. The Scriptures emphasis this fact.

1. Mat. 16:27 "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works."
2. Mat. 26:64 "Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven."
3. John 14:1-3 "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also."
4. Acts 1:11 "Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."
5. 1 The. 4:13-18 "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. ¹⁴For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. ¹⁵For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: ¹⁷Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. ¹⁸Wherefore comfort one another with these words."
6. Rev. 1:7 "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they *also* which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen."

B. Some Facts About His Coming.

1. 1 The. 4:16 "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:"
 - a. He is coming personally.
 - b. He is coming audibly.
2. He is coming visibly; Rev. 1:7 "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they *also* which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen."
3. He is coming in the clouds; Acts 1:9, 11 "And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight...¹¹Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."
4. He is coming with His mighty angels; Mat. 25:31 "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:"
5. He is coming with the spirit's of the departed saints; 1 The. 3:13 "To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints."
6. He is coming in flaming fire; 2 The. 1:8 "In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:"
7. No one knows when He will come; Mat. 24:36 "But of that day and hour knoweth no *man*, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only."

II. JESUS IS THE JUDGE OF ALL MEN.

A. God gave judgment to Christ;

1. John 5:22, 27 "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:...²⁷And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man."

2. Acts 10:42 “And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God *to be* the Judge of quick and dead.”
3. Acts 17:31 “Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.”
4. Rom. 2:16 “In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.”

B. The Scriptures affirm that Jesus is the judge of all the world.

1. Mat. 25:31-33 “When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: ³² And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: ³³ And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.”
2. 2 Cor. 5:10 “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.”
3. 2 Tim. 4:1 “I charge *thee* therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;”

C. The Nature of the Judge.

1. The Father judges as a father; 1 Pet. 1:17 “And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man’s work, pass the time of your sojourning *here* in fear:”
2. Jesus is the Son of Man and judges as a Shepherd.
 - a. Mat. 25:31-32 “When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: ³²And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats:”
 - b. John 5:27 “And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.”
 - c. As a Shepherd and Son Of Man, He judges:
 - (1) With humanity; Heb. 2:17-18 “Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto *his* brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.”
 - (2) As a merciful judge; Jam 2:13 “For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.”

III. JESUS WILL JUDGE THROUGH HIS WORD.

- A. John 12:48-50 “He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. ⁴⁹For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. ⁵⁰And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.”
- B. Acts 17:30-31 “And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: ³¹Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by *that* man whom he hath ordained; *whereof* he hath given assurance unto all *men*, in that he hath raised him from the dead.”
- C. Rom. 2:16 “In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.”

IV. JESUS WILL JUDGE US ACCORDING TO OUR ACTIONS.

A. Judged by our actions.

1. 2 Cor. 5:10 “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.”
2. Rev. 20:12 “And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.”

B. Also judged by our secret things.

1. Ecc. 12:14 “For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil.”
2. Rom. 2:16 “In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.”

V. JESUS WILL MAKE A TWO-FOLD DIVISION.

A. Mat. 25:32 “And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats:”

B. That division should be seen in life.

1. 2 Cor. 6:14-17 “Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? ¹⁵And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? ¹⁶And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ¹⁷Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you, ¹⁸And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.”
2. Rev. 18:4 “And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.”

C. That division will be seen in eternity.

1. Mat. 25:46 “And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.”
2. Luke 16:26 “And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that *would come* from thence.”

Conclusion: If Jesus should come right now, where will you spend eternity?