

## What Does the Bible Say About... Final Judgment

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### The Question Behind the Question:

- The Bible is very clear that we will face \_\_\_\_\_ at the end.
- Being judged for our actions seems \_\_\_\_\_, but being judged for our beliefs seems \_\_\_\_\_.
- How can God judge us in a way that is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_?

### What the Bible Says:

- \_\_\_\_\_ is the one who will judge the living and the dead. (Acts 10:42)
- Jesus said he will judge us according to our \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 7:21, 16:27, 25:34-36, John 5:28-29, Revelation 2:23, 22:12)
- Jesus is the only \_\_\_\_\_ way to the Father—all we have to do is give him our \_\_\_\_\_. (John 14:6, 3:16)

- \_\_\_\_\_ can only be judged by \_\_\_\_\_. (James 2:24)
  - Did you \_\_\_\_\_ God? (Matthew 7:21)
  - Did you \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus before others? (Matthew 10:32-33)
  - Did you make Jesus your \_\_\_\_\_? (Matthew 16:24-25)
  - Did you \_\_\_\_\_ others the way Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ you? (Matthew 18:34-35)
  - Did you care for \_\_\_\_\_? (Matthew 25:34-40)

### Conclusions:

- Ultimately \_\_\_\_\_ will judge every soul according to his \_\_\_\_\_.
- The only way he has shown us to eternal life is to \_\_\_\_\_, trust and \_\_\_\_\_ him.
- We have to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus to be righteous and \_\_\_\_\_ when he judges.

## Discussion Questions

### 1. Getting Started:

- What did you find most interesting about the sermon this week? The most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
- People care a lot about justice, even in little things. What little injustices frustrate you the most?
- Have you ever been troubled by the questions that inspired this sermon? How have you answered them?

### 2. Into the Bible (Read 1 John 4:16-21)

- In verse 18, John encourages us to not be afraid of punishment. What drives out our fear of punishment?
- Where does our love come from, according to this passage?

- What is the proof that we have been filled with the love of God, according to verses 20-21?

- Go back to verse 16. What is the instruction that John gives us there? How can we remain in God? Why is this important, based on the rest of the passage?

### 3. Going Deeper

- Why is it important for Christians to keep Judgment Day in mind? How should it change the way we live?
- Based on 1 John 4, how can we keep from living in *fear* of Judgment Day? What is the difference?
- How should the reality of Judgment Day affect our passion for evangelism and missions?