



The Revelation of Jesus as Judge

Introduction: The end has come! Jesus has brought judgement upon the earth. He seals His children and protects them through the trials and tribulation. He patiently waits for all men to repent. At the seventh trumpet, the dead in Christ are resurrected and the Lord raptures his church. Believers stand before the judgment seat of Christ to receive rewards or lack thereof. After God catches his children up to be with Him, the wrath of God is poured out on all humanity who has the mark of the beast. The second resurrection happens and the dead who are not in Christ stand before the great white throne judgment to be judged by their deeds. Satan, the beast, the false prophet, death, hades, and unbelievers are cast into an eternal lake of fire.

Text: Revelation 20:11-15

Discussion:

1. What evidence do you see that the world is messed up? If you have watched the news recently what have been some of the main stories? When have you ever longed for the evil of the world to cease? Discuss/Write
2. What are ways that we try to “fix” the problems of the world? Why can’t we fix it? How does Jesus fix it?
3. What is one reason for the delay of Jesus between his first coming and second coming? Read 2 Peter 3:9
4. Read Rev. 6:9-10 How do you relate to the cries of the martyrs?
5. Discuss/Write about this statement. In order for God to be love, He must be just.
6. The world has its definition of love. The Bible says that love is defined by God. So, if we want a true picture of what love looks like, we must have a correct view of God. The Bible is clear that 1. God loves sinners and 2. God judges sinners. He has mercy, but also executes justice. God grants a way to receive mercy, but if a person rejects His grace, then He must execute justice. Discuss/write why this is true and good.
7. Read 1 Thess. 4:13-18. How do you know that Paul expects the church to be on the earth at Christ’s return? What two things will happen to believers according to this passage. Also read 1 Cor. 15:51-52
8. Read Rev. 11:18, 1 Cor. 3:10-15 Believers will stand to give an account of his/her life. How we have lived out our faith will be judged and rewards will be given according to faithfulness. How well are you living out your faith? Are you sharing your faith, living free from sin, taming your tongue, exhibiting the fruits of the Spirit? Discuss/Write how you feel about the thoughts of giving an account of your life if you were to stand before Him today? What will you do differently?
9. Read Rev. 9:20-21 & Rev. 16:8-11 What do you notice about those who do not love Jesus?
10. Discuss/Write about the following statements: People do not have to love Jesus and honor Jesus and worship Jesus. He will allow people to live however they want. They can pour their own drink. However, people will have to drink the cup they pour when the tab is due.
11. Read Rev. 20:11-15 This is the judgement of the unbeliever. Why are they judged by their deeds? What happens if a person’s name is not found in the book of life?
12. How does one have his/her name in the book of life?

Think About it:

We all long for the day when God makes all things right. In order to deal with the sin problem, he must deal with sinners. We want murder to cease—so the murderer must be judged. We want rape to cease—so the rapist must be judged. Only when the full cup of wrath has reached its top, will God bring the end of all evil. He will hold everyone accountable for every deed committed.

Moving Forward:

If you have not repented of your sin and confessed Jesus as Lord—do that now. If you are a believer, take time to evaluate how well you are building your life of faith. Identify any wood, hay, or straw, and begin to build your life with gold, silver, and precious stones. Build with honesty, integrity, faithfulness, righteousness, holiness, etc.