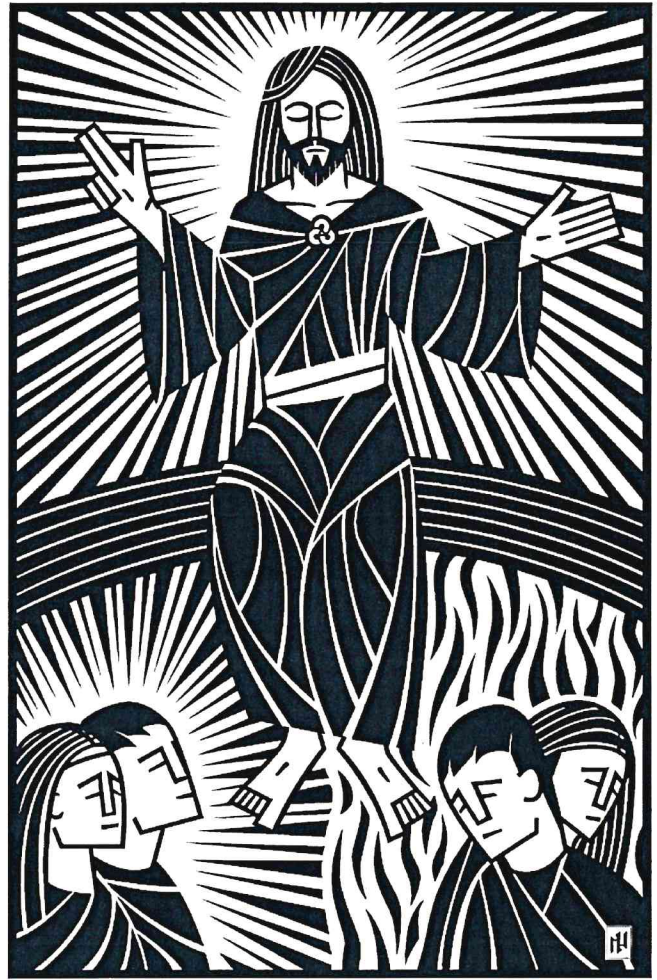


From There He Will Come to Judge the Living and the Dead

- “3rd day rose...judge l&d.” Lot diff ways we pic/envsn J: see GS, watch walks watr, hear prchnng syngg, chldrn, Jrss’ dghtr hand, tomb Laz, baby in mngr, Sav dyng cross, risen Lord hnds side. Lot diff ways. But prhps one think re less oftn: what cnfss Crd: J’ll come to judge l&d. Wrld’s jdge. Says so self in Gos: **“Fr...has entrstd all jdgmnt to Son”** and **vs. 27**. In Mt, J: sit glrs throne, ntns gthrd, seprt shp/gts, in jdgmnt (25:31-32). And in Ac, Pt: **“[J] is the one whom God appntd as jdg l&d” (10:24)**. Very sobrng pic/J (perhaps even trrfyng) – that smday, on Lst Day, J-Day, J’ll return, come back (like angs, Asc); we all will stand before him; and he’ll judge ev snlg prsn ever lived; seprt into 2 grps; welcome one hvn, sntnc other hell. J very clear on this. In fact, final work; evthng else he’s alrdy accmplshd: alrdy died, risen, ascndd, now seatd. But one wrk/job J has yet complt: come back, on J-Day, jdg all ppl. That day comng, and today J tells what day’ll be like, when, as say in Crd: *title*.
- Listen J: **vs. 28-29a**. On Last Day, J’ll raise dead! Seems like I’ve spent lot time in cmtry lately. Pall bearer cousin’s fnrl in Sept; wtchd cskt grnd. We’ve had sev fnrls here ch, burials aftrwrd (Burl, Vet’s UG). And this fall wife/I walk thru SM cmtry. Nothng that screams “mortl” quite like walking thru cmtry (seeing hdstns, rdng nms/dts), bec realize: smday this me. And althgh cmtry is peacfl & quiet now, smday that place hopping! J says on Last Day, he’ll raise all those bodies fr dead. I’ve always said: if I hap be alive when J returns, want be in cmtry; want exprnc rumblng/ratlng of grnd mvng, cskts opnng, tmbs brkng open, multtds ppl raised to life; want be there when **all vs. 28b-29a**. It’ll be loud day: hear booming voice/J. 1 Thes 4: **“The Lord [J] himself’ll come dwn fr hvn, w/loud commnd, w/voice archangl, w/trmpt call/God, and dead in Xp’ll rise first” (16)**. So: lot sound/actvty on J-Day, as J raises dead – not just bels, also unbels. J: **all vs. 28b**.
- And once evone is resrctd, then jdgmnt begins. Today J: **vs. 30b**; means: J listng for smthng: for hrtbt/faith. And he’s only one can hear hrtbt/faith. You can’t see faith; can’t look at ppl, visibly see Xian faith. In OT, God: **“Ppl look at outwrd apprnc, but Lord looks at hrt” (1 Sam 16:7)**. So J can see (or hear) hrtbt/faith. And that’s what listng for: **vs. 30b**. So on Last Day your jdgmnt’ll based not on gd dds you’ve done or sins cmmttd – bec gd dds can’t earn way hvn, and Xp has alrdy forgvn sins/wrld. Basis for your jdgmnt will be that hrtbt/faith – whthr/not your hrt beats w/faith & love for Xp and bels in J as Sav from sin. That’s what J is listng for; **vs. 30b**.
- In fact, spkng of faith: even faith is the work & gift of J. Earlier in les, J uses res lang to descrb faith. In **vs. 21**. Not talking re physcl res; actly talking re being raised from unbelf to Xian faith. Same thng at **vs. 24-25**. This hearng/livng means belvng Gos & livng by faith. Bk Eph uses same res lang: **“Bec of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive w/Xp even when we were dead in trnsgrssns” (2:4-5)** – means having livng faith in J instead being dead in unbelf. So in essnc, J here weaving tog 2 dstnct thghts: he’s one who gives sprtl life by giving faith; he also will smday give physcl life when raises dead. 2 dstnct thghts, but here’s connctn: on J-Day, when you’re physcly resrctd, your etnrl futr will depend on whthr sprtly resrctd. IOW, whthr you go hvn/hell depends on if have faith/not. If you reject Xp, refuse bel in him as Sav, and your hrt is dead to J, then you’ll be sntncd to hell; **vs. 29c**. But if your hrt beats w/living faith in J, and you bel in him as only Sav, then on J-Day, J will hear that hrtbt/faith and welcome you into hvn; **vs. 29b**. No 3rd option. Only 2 types of ppl in this wrld: bels & unbels, those w/faith in J, and those w/o.
- J teaches same thng elsewhere, like in Jn 3: **“Whvr bels in him is not condmnd, but whvr does not bel stnds condmnd alrdy bec they have not belvd in the name of God’s one & only Son” (18)**. Or like in prbl shp/gts. Shp: bels; gts: unbels. To shp J’ll say: **“Come, you who are blessed by my Fr; take your inhrtnc, the kngdm prepd for you since creatn/wrl” (Mt 25:34)**. And to gts: **“Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the etnrl fire prepd for dvl & his angs” (41)**. Hvn is real; so is hell; & both are eternal. J-Day is coming; J will return; & he’ll judge all ppl. These are the facts.

- And today I encrg you take these facts to hrt. Don't let this sermon simply be a Cat review of events Last Day. This impacts you persnly, ev sngl one you. J might return during your lifetime, in which case you will witness w/own eyes res of all flesh. But if not, then you will die; you are mortal; you will face death. You will also be raised fr dead; your very body'll be recnstrctd; and in your flesh you'll stnd before J; he'll be your jdg. **“Fr ...has entrstd all jdgmnt to Son” and vs. 27.** You do not desrv go hvn; you have brkn God's coms, not lived holy life. But J doesn't treat you like desrv, bec loves you. Lived holy life in your place, gives you credit for it; taken all your sins upon self, paid for them all on cross, where suffrd your punshmnt, canclld your guilt. So: J not only your jdg, also Sav. And by faith, you trust in him; w/hrtbt/faith you bel that what JC did counts for you. And so, J-Day for you is not day/terror, but day/joy. J once said: **“When these thngs begin take place, stnd up & lift up your hds, bec your redmptn is drawng near” (Lk 21:28).** J-Day for Xians is the day we are finally brought to the etrnal life J has prepd for us in hvn. For unbels, J-Day is day/terror. Book Jude: **“See, the Lord is coming w/thsnds upon thsnds of his holy ones to judge evone, and to convict all of them of the ungdly acts they have commtted in their ungdliness, and of all the defiant wrds ungdly sinners have spkn vs him” (14-15).** Unbels reject J, and J'll sentnc them hell. But J has taken away your ungdlinss; washed it away w/his bld shed on cross.
- Take all this to hrt; this impacts you. You will face the jdgmnt, and J will be your jdg. Right now he's seated in hvn, ruling unvrs at God's right hnd. But smday, *title*. Until then, cling to Xp; hold onto him by faith; and look forward to Last Day with joyful anticipation, bec on that day J will fulfill his final prom to you and **“bring salvtn to those who are waiting for him” (Heb 9:28).**



John 5:19-30

¹⁹ “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed. ²¹ For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. ²² Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, ²³ that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

²⁴ “Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. ²⁵ Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come [*right now, in present*] when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

²⁸ “Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned. ³⁰ By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.”