

Judgment in Matthew

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Matthew records several of Jesus' warnings about judgment and he uses the phrase "Day of Judgment" often. In a lot of these verses it sounds like entire communities are going to be judged as separate units. In these days of political strife and turmoil we wonder how the U.S.A. will be judged.

I tell you the truth; it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the Day of Judgment than for that town.

Matthew 10:15

But I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the Day of Judgment than for you.

Matthew 11:22

But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the Day of Judgment than for you."

Matthew 11:24

Jesus compares the gentiles of Sodom and Gomorrah with the Jews of Chorazin, Capernaum and Bethsaida and says that they will fare more favorably at the judgment. This is because the Son of God personally visited the Jews and performed miracles among them, and they still rejected Him.

Communities do take on a certain character, and some are worse than others, but we must remember that God still judges individuals based on whether they repent or not. Jesus makes that clear when He responds to the Pharisees charge that His miraculous power came from Satan.

But I tell you that men will have to give account on the Day of Judgment for every careless word they have spoken.

Matthew 12:36

Jesus goes on to use the men of Nineveh as an example of those who repented, and then He cites the Queen of the South as an individual who had the right attitude.

The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now one greater than Jonah is here.

Matthew 12:41

The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon's wisdom, and now one greater than Solomon is here.

Matthew 12:42

Paul explains the remnant concept in Romans (9:27; 11:5) which basically means that not all Jews are lost because of what Jews did to Jesus. Neither are all Gentiles saved because of those who repented. Jews who repent will be saved and so will Gentiles who repent. As for governments, God will go on judging them (raising them up and taking them down) until the Day of Judgment but then it is every man for himself. There is one group, however, that needs to be aware that God pays particular attention to them.

For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

1Peter 4:17



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

All the churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

Today's Sermon: *Have You Been with Jesus?*

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Scripture Reading: Acts 4:12-20

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** We are studying through the Book of Acts.
- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class: November 18th,** at the building at 6:30. We have begun a study of the minor prophet Zephaniah! Please join us!
- **Sojourners: Mike and Nadine Huddleston, Larry and Kay Little and two other couples** hope to be here the last week in June and the first two weeks in July.



NEWS

- We are currently working on getting **House to House** leaflets mailed out to households in the Valley this month. There has already been one positive response to the leaflet from the area, and a correspondence study has been started with this person. **The Gospel of Christ** leaflet should have already been delivered in the Valley also.
- The **lounge area** adjoining the kitchen was **flooded** last month, possibly because of a misplaced downspout. The old carpet has been removed and new linoleum has been purchased. Steps have been taken to repair moisture and mold damage on the outside walls before the new floor can be laid, however.
- **John Chacona, Ted's brother, who we have been praying for,** passed away from his illness last Sunday.
- **There will be a short congregational meeting Sunday, 11/29 following worship.**
- Paul will be preaching today.

PRAYERS

- **Pray for our country! Pray that we have our priorities right and that we know who our King is.**
- **Please pray for Robin Barry and his family as they have been sick with Covid-19.**
- **Pray for Paul's sister Linda** as she will be placed under hospice care. Pray for comfort and peace for Linda and for her family.
- **Pray for Ted** as he mourns the loss of his brother John. Also pray for John's family for comfort.
- Pray for Jennifer, who has been diagnosed with diverticulitis, and for Ted that he no longer has any cancer cells in his kidneys.
- Pray for **G.K. Pennington** and his wife Jo as they deal with his aggressive esophageal cancer. The doctors were not able to get all the cancer when they did his surgery, so he is undergoing more chemotherapy.
- **Doug Kashorek has asked for prayers for himself and his wife Lori who has lung cancer.** Lori is on hospice care now. Their son Tim and his wife Rachel have also announced they are expecting a baby in June 2021.

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.