

A Study On Jesus Christ as judge

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Jesus Christ executed judgment against the forces of evil through his death on the cross. Individuals will be judged according to their response to his saving grace.

Jesus Christ is appointed judge by God the Father

[Jn 5:22](#)

John 5:22 (NASB95) — 22 “For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son,

See also [Jn 5:27](#); [Ac 10:42](#); [Ac 17:31](#)

John 5:27 (NASB95) — 27 and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man.

Acts 10:42 (NASB95) — 42 “And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead.

Acts 17:31 (NASB95) — 31 because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.”

Jesus Christ is a just judge

[Jn 5:30](#)

John 5:30 (NASB95) — 30 “I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

See also [Is 11:3–4](#); [Mic 4:3](#); [Jn 8:15–16](#); [Ac 17:31](#); [Re 19:11](#)

Isaiah 11:3–4 (NASB95) — 3 And He will delight in the fear of the LORD, And He will not judge by what His eyes see, Nor make a decision by what His ears hear; **4** But with righteousness He will judge the poor, And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked.

Micah 4:3 (NASB95) — 3 And He will judge between many peoples And render decisions for mighty, distant nations. Then they will hammer their swords into plowshares And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they train for war.

John 8:15–16 (NASB95) — 15 “You judge according to the flesh; I am not judging anyone. **16** “But even if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone in it, but I and the Father who sent Me.

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Jesus Christ’s death brought judgment on Satan and evil world powers

[Jn 12:31–33](#)

John 12:31–33 (NASB95) — 31 “Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. **32** “And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.” **33** But He was saying this to indicate the kind of death by which He was to die.

See also [Jn 16:11](#)

John 16:11 (NASB95) — 11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

Jesus Christ will act as judge at the end of time

[2 Ti 4:1](#)

2 Timothy 4:1 (NASB95) — 1 I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:

See also [Mt 25:31–32](#); [Ro 2:16](#); [2 Th 1:7–10](#); [2 Ti 4:8](#); [Re 19:11–16](#); [Re 22:12](#)

Matthew 25:31–32 (NASB95) — 31 “But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. **32** “All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats;

Romans 2:16 (NASB95) — 16 on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.

2 Thessalonians 1:7–10 (NASB95) — 7 and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, **8** dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. **9** These will pay the penalty of eternal

destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, **10** when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed—for our testimony to you was believed.

2 Timothy 4:8 (NASB95) — 8 in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Revelation 19:11–16 (NASB95) — 11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. **12** His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. **13** He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. **14** And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. **15** From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. **16** And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, “KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”

Revelation 22:12 (NASB95) — 12 “Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.

People will be judged according to their response to Jesus Christ

[Jn 3:18](#)

John 3:18 (NASB95) — 18 “He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

See also [Mt 10:32–33](#); [Mk 8:38](#); [Jn 9:39](#); [Jn 12:48](#)

Matthew 10:32–33 (NASB95) — 32 “Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. **33** “But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.

Mark 8:38 (NASB95) — 38 “For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

John 9:39 (NASB95) — 39 And Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, so that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind.”

John 12:48 (NASB95) — 48 “He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.

Jesus Christ's teaching on judgment

Jesus Christ will separate the righteous from the unrighteous

[Mt 25:31–32](#)

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See also [Mt 3:12](#); [Mt 13:24–30](#); [Mt 13:36–42](#) the parable of the weeds; [Mt 13:47–50](#) the parable of the net; [Mt 25:33–46](#) the parable of the sheep and the goats

Matthew 3:12 (NASB95) — **12** “His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

Matthew 13:24–30 (NASB95) — **24** Jesus presented another parable to them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. **25** “But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went away. **26** “But when the wheat sprouted and bore grain, then the tares became evident also. **27** “The slaves of the landowner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?’ **28** “And he said to them, ‘An enemy has done this!’ The slaves said to him, ‘Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?’ **29** “But he said, ‘No; for while you are gathering up the tares, you may uproot the wheat with them. **30** ‘Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn.” ’ ’ ”

Matthew 13:36–42 (NASB95) — **36** Then He left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field.” **37** And He said, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man, **38** and the field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one; **39** and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels. **40** “So just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age. **41** “The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, **42** and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 13:47–50 (NASB95) — **47** “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea, and gathering fish of every kind; **48** and when it was filled, they drew it up on the beach; and they sat down and gathered the good fish into containers, but the bad they threw away. **49** “So it will be at the end of the age; the angels will come forth and take out the wicked from among the righteous, **50** and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 25:33–46 (NASB95) — **33** and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left. **34** “Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. **35** ‘For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; **36** naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.’ **37** “Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink? **38** ‘And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? **39** ‘When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ **40** “The King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.’ **41** “Then He will also say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels; **42** for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink; **43** I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.’ **44** “Then they themselves also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?’ **45** “Then He will answer them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ **46** “These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Those who reject Jesus Christ will be punished

[Da 2:34–35](#); [Mt 21:33–44](#) the parable of the tenants

Daniel 2:34–35 (NASB95) — **34** “You continued looking until a stone was cut out without hands, and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and crushed them. **35** “Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were crushed all at the same time and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that not a trace of them was found. But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

Matthew 21:33–44 (NASB95) — **33** “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who PLANTED A VINEYARD AND PUT A WALL AROUND IT AND DUG A WINE PRESS IN IT, AND BUILT A TOWER, and rented it out to vine-growers and went on a journey. **34** “When the harvest time approached, he sent his slaves to the vine-growers to receive his produce. **35** “The vine-growers took his slaves and beat one, and killed another, and stoned a third. **36** “Again he sent another group of slaves larger than the first; and they did the same thing to them. **37** “But afterward he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ **38** “But when the vine-growers saw the son, they said among themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.’ **39** “They took him, and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. **40** “Therefore when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vine-growers?” **41** They said to Him, “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end, and will rent out the vineyard to other vine-growers who will pay him the proceeds at the proper seasons.” **42** Jesus said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures, ‘THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone; THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES’? **43** “Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people, producing the fruit of it. **44** “And he who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust.”

Christians will stand before Jesus Christ as judge and be rewarded for what they have done

[Mt 16:27](#)

Matthew 16:27 (NASB95) — **27** “For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and WILL THEN REPAY EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS.

See also [Mt 25:14–30](#) the parable of the talents; [Lk 19:12–27](#) the parable of the ten minas; [2 Co 5:10](#)

Matthew 25:14–30 (NASB95) — **14** “For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them. **15** “To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey. **16** “Immediately the one who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents. **17** “In the same manner the one who had received the two talents gained two more. **18** “But he who received the one talent went away, and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. **19** “Now after a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. **20** “The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have gained five more talents.’ **21** “His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ **22** “Also the one

who had received the two talents came up and said, 'Master, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have gained two more talents.' **23** "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' **24** "And the one also who had received the one talent came up and said, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered no seed. **25** 'And I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.' **26** "But his master answered and said to him, 'You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I scattered no seed. **27** 'Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my money back with interest. **28** 'Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.' **29** "For to everyone who has, more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away. **30** "Throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Luke 19:12–27 (NASB95) — **12** So He said, "A nobleman went to a distant country to receive a kingdom for himself, and then return. **13** "And he called ten of his slaves, and gave them ten minas and said to them, 'Do business with this until I come back.' **14** "But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.' **15** "When he returned, after receiving the kingdom, he ordered that these slaves, to whom he had given the money, be called to him so that he might know what business they had done. **16** "The first appeared, saying, 'Master, your mina has made ten minas more.' **17** "And he said to him, 'Well done, good slave, because you have been faithful in a very little thing, you are to be in authority over ten cities.' **18** "The second came, saying, 'Your mina, master, has made five minas.' **19** "And he said to him also, 'And you are to be over five cities.' **20** "Another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina, which I kept put away in a handkerchief; **21** for I was afraid of you, because you are an exacting man; you take up what you did not lay down and reap what you did not sow.' **22** "He said to him, 'By your own words I will judge you, you worthless slave. Did you know that I am an exacting man, taking up what I did not lay down and reaping what I did not sow? **23** 'Then why did you not put my money in the bank, and having come, I would have collected it with interest?' **24** "Then he said to the bystanders, 'Take the mina away from him and give it to the one who has the ten minas.' **25** "And they said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas already.' **26** "I tell you that to everyone who has, more shall be given, but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away. **27** "But these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slay them in my presence."

2 Corinthians 5:10 (NASB95) — 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

The day of Jesus Christ's return as judge is unknown

[Mk 13:32–36](#)

Mark 13:32–36 (NASB95) — 32 “But of that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. **33** “Take heed, keep on the alert; for you do not know when the appointed time will come. **34** “It is like a man away on a journey, who upon leaving his house and putting his slaves in charge, assigning to each one his task, also commanded the doorkeeper to stay on the alert. **35** “Therefore, be on the alert—for you do not know when the master of the house is coming, whether in the evening, at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— **36** in case he should come suddenly and find you asleep.

See also [Mt 24:36–44](#); [Mt 25:1–13](#) the parable of the ten virgins

Matthew 24:36–44 (NASB95) — 36 “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. **37** “For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. **38** “For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, **39** and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be. **40** “Then there will be two men in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. **41** “Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left. **42** “Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming. **43** “But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. **44** “For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will.

Matthew 25:1–13 (NASB95) — 1 “Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. **2** “Five of them were foolish, and five were prudent. **3** “For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, **4** but the prudent took oil in flasks along with their lamps. **5** “Now while the bridegroom was delaying, they all got drowsy and began to sleep. **6** “But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ **7** “Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. **8** “The foolish said to the prudent, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ **9** “But the prudent answered, ‘No, there will not be enough for us and you too; go instead to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ **10** “And while they

were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut. **11** “Later the other virgins also came, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open up for us.’ **12** “But he answered, ‘Truly I say to you, I do not know you.’ **13** “Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour.