



OneKC2024 wk4: A Judging Messiah

Introduction: Jesus is not only our Savior, but he clearly taught that he was also the judge. In the end, He will reveal whether you have been a faithful servant to Him or merely giving lip service. In Matthew 25, Jesus shows that faith and trust in Him will be reflected in what we do for others.

Discussion Questions

1. When we think about or talk about Jesus, how often do we consider Him as our judge? Why does thinking about judgment often cause us to experience fear?
2. Read **Matthew 25:31 and Daniel 7:13-14** Jesus' audience would understand the connection that He's making by this reference. What is Jesus saying about himself?
3. Read **Matthew 25:31-40** Jesus tells the group that He is pleased with that they saw Him in certain circumstances and moved to help/love Him. What is their reaction to that statement? What might change if we saw Jesus when we looked at people that were in difficult circumstances or places? Who are these "brothers and sisters" mentioned in vs 40?
4. Read **Matthew 25:41-46** The group that is sent away to punishment had the same questions. What was different for them? What is the connection between faith and action?
5. In the sermon, Zach talked about the danger of apathy. How is apathy dangerous to both the church and to Christians in general?
6. The first verse of the parable, and throughout the New Testament, a return of Jesus is promised. How can we live expectantly while we wait for that return?

Shaping Your Mind – *"...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

Moving Forward – *Jesus is coming back, be doing His work when He comes.*