



Jesus Comes to Judge

"God overlooked people's former ignorance about these things, but now he commands everyone everywhere to turn away from idols and turn to him. For he has set a day for judging the world with justice by the man he has appointed, and he proved to everyone who this is by raising him from the dead."

Acts 17:30-31 (NLT)

Prayer Focus: When King Jesus returns, it will be a time of righteous judgment. God the Father has appointed that all the world will be judged by the Lord Jesus Christ. He sealed that decision by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. In His resurrection, Jesus was proven to be the Son of God and the One who, upon His return, will be the only One qualified to judge the world. When He judges He will be just and righteous, but no one will be exempt. Ignorance will be no excuse. If you yearn to be prepared for that day, now is the time to repent and make things right with the King. Do not wait until that final day because any claims of "I didn't know" will not be accepted. Even now, Jesus gives us opportunity to be cleansed and made pure while awaiting His coming. Through repentance, confession, and self-examination, we can be assured that His mercy will allow us to stand in that day of His final examination. We must be fervent in proclaiming the gospel so that as many as possible will be snatched from being cast into eternal judgment on that last day.

Day 1: Worship Jesus as the King who is coming to judge.

Day 2: Thank the Lord that He has given His Word to warn us.

Day 3: Ask the Lord to show you any area in your life that is not surrendered to His judgment.

Day 4: Repent of any ways that you thought you could hide attitudes or deeds from His perfect judgment.

Day 5: Ask the Lord to give you a heart to share the gospel freely so that many people will be ready for that day.

Day 6: Pray that your church will teach the full truth of Jesus as our Coming King and Judge.

Day 7: Pray that a realization of that day of judgment will cause people to come to Jesus today for forgiveness.

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Jesus Christ as Our Coming King

King Jesus is coming back! As the disciples watched the Lord Jesus ascend into heaven, they were confronted by two angels. Luke records it this way:

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:10-11, NIV).

The return of the Lord Jesus Christ is the Church's blessed hope. From the time of the disciples until today, we look and long for the return of our King Jesus. This time He will not come as the Gentle Shepherd. He will come as the Sovereign King over all creation.

What a wonderful cause for hope and rejoicing! For those who know and love the Lord Jesus Christ, there can be no greater fulfillment of their faith than when they see their Savior face to face. He is the ultimate object of our faith, and we long for that day when our "faith will be sight." Every true believer has a heart filled with the longing and expectation of seeing Jesus in all His glory. His return as Coming King will be the completion of His role as our Savior, Sanctifier, and Healer.

The return of Jesus is a time of hope and expectation for those who belong to Him. But it should also be a challenge to sober reflection and self-examination. The return of the Lord Jesus Christ is to be a motivation for holy living in this world. Every believer should desire to live a life pleasing to the Lord and worthy of the Lord's commendation of "well done, good and faithful servant" (Mathew 25:21, 23). When He comes as King, He will come in truth and power. He will fulfill His promises as the ultimate answer to the needs of this sinful world.

As believers, our lives should be lived in the light of our "blessed hope" of His return. From the time that He ascended to the Father, until this very day, the joyful expectation and cry of the Bride of Christ has been a prayer in concert with the Holy Spirit, as expressed in Revelation 22:20:
Come, Lord Jesus!

Transformation: Jesus in Our Midst

As we pray about transformation; we need a common definition of what a truly transformed community might look like:

A transformed community is:

- A neighbourhood, city, or nation whose values and institutions have been overrun by the grace and presence of God.
- A place where divine fire has not merely been summoned, but has fallen.
- A society in which natural change has been disrupted by invasive supernatural power.
- A culture that has been impacted comprehensively and undeniably by the Kingdom of God.
- A location where Kingdom values are celebrated publicly and passed on to future generations.

Community transformation is indicated when:

- Political leaders publicly acknowledge their sin and dependence on God. (2 Kings 11:17-18; 23:1-3; Jonah 3:6-9)
- New laws, curricula, and business practices are put into effect. (2 Chronicles 19:4-10; Nehemiah 10:31)
- The natural environment is restored to its original life-nurturing state. (Leviticus 26:4-5; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Ezekiel 34:27-31)
- Economic conditions improve and lead to a discernible lessening of poverty. (2 Chronicles 17:3-5; Psalm 144:13-14; Isaiah 60:5-7; Amos 9:13)
- There is a marked change in social entertainment and vices as Kingdom values are integrated into the rhythm of daily life. (Ezra 10:1-4; Nehemiah 8:10, 16-17; Acts 19:17-20)
- Crime and corruption diminish throughout the community. (2 Kings 12:13-15; Nehemiah 5:6-12; Isaiah 60:17-18)
- Volunteerism increases as Christians recognize their responsibility to heal and undergird the community. (Isaiah 58:10-12; 61:1-4)
- Restored hope and joy leads to a decline in divorce, bankruptcy, and suicide. (Nehemiah 12:27-28, 43; Isaiah 54:11-14; 61:3-7; Jeremiah 30:17-19; 31:11-13; Hosea 2:15)
- The spiritual nature of the growing socio-political renewal becomes a hot topic in secular media. (2 Chronicles 20:29; Nehemiah 6:16; Isaiah 55:5; Ezekiel 36:36; Acts 19:17).
- Overwhelmed by the goodness of God, grateful Christians take the embers of revival into surrounding communities and nations. (2 Chronicles 17:9; Isaiah 61:6; Acts 11:20-26).

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