

Jesus Our Judge John 5:26-30

26 For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, 27 and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. 28 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 and come forth — those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. 30 I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me. NKJV

- I. He has authority to execute judgment.
 - A. We have already seen that the Father does not judge but has given that responsibility to the Son
 - 1. John 5:22 (NKJV) 22 For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,
 - 2. It is not that the Father is not able or and given up His sovereignty over His creation.
 - 3. “He does not *rule* us by the *mere* right of *creation*, but by *covenant*, and upon certain terms settled by a Mediator. Having made us, he *may* do what he *pleases* with us, as the potter with the clay; yet he does not take advantage of this, but draws us *with the cords of a man*.” Matthew Henry
 - 4. But as we will understand as we go along there are advantages and disadvantages to Jesus being the judge of the world.
 - B. This seems to be a contradiction to John 3:17 “For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.”
 - 1. It is true that the purpose of Jesus coming was not to condemn the world.
 - 2. He came to save, to offer Himself as a sacrifice for man’s sins instead of condemning them for them.
 - 3. But we also see that He does judge even though that was not His purpose, but that His judgement is true, fair, and even with mercy.
 - 4. John 8:15 You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. 16 And yet if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent Me.
 - C. Later, when He returns, His purpose will be to judge the world and bring in justice and righteousness.
 - 1. Ac 17:31 "because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the

world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

2. 2 Thess 1:7-8 when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. NKJV

II. Why Jesus deserves to judge

A. He is the creator, our designer and the law giver.

B. Because He is the Son of Man

1. He became man that He had created and kept the law perfectly.
 - a. This is what Hebrews means when it refers to "the veil of His flesh."
 - b. Jesus has the right to judge for as he told the Jewish leaders in John 8:7 So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first." NKJV
 - c. He came as man and kept the law, being tempted in all points as we are but without sin. Heb 4:15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. NKJV
2. This is a reference to Daniel 7:13 "I was watching in the night visions, And behold, *One* like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. 14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom *the one* Which shall not be destroyed.
3. This is prophesied all over the Old Testament.
 - a. Ps 72:1 ¶ A Psalm of Solomon. Give the king Your judgments, O God, And Your righteousness to the king's Son.
 - b. Isa 11:3 His delight *is* in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; 4 But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.
 - c. Jer 23:5 "Behold, *the* days are coming," says the LORD, "That I

will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

4. This is a Messianic prophecy that Jesus claimed for Himself.

III. What makes Him the kind of judge we need?

- A. Because He became man He is touched by our weaknesses and understands us.

1. Phil 2:5-11 5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. NKJV

- B. He loves us and gave Himself to die for us, therefore He is compassionate toward those who call upon Him.

1. Titus 2:14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. NKJV

If you are lost and without Jesus controlling your life then what will you say when you stand before Him as judge? You cannot say well everyone sins, it is no big deal, for He will say, "I didn't." You will not be able to say, "Sin is no big deal" for He will say that it was sin that put Him on the cross.

But if you come to Him in repentance, relying on His mercy. He will be the merciful judge.