

Jesus as Judge

John 5

Sermon Discussion Questions | May 21, 2017

1. Pastor Tom started out this week by sharing examples of how unjust this world can be. Have you ever felt this way? Have you been dealt with unjustly? Has someone you know been treated in an unjust way? Take a moment to share a couple of examples and share how it affected your spiritual walk at the time.
2. In John 5, we have a story of Jesus facing off against the teachers of the law over His healing of a paralytic and His claims to be equal to God. Why do you suppose this was problematic to them? How did Jesus respond? (read John 5:20-30)
3. Jesus responds to the accusations by strongly reaffirming His claim not only as God's son but as the judge and sustainer of all things. Pastor Tom then took us to Revelation 5 so that we can start to see what kind of judge Jesus is. Read or recall the scene in Revelation 5 and discuss, what role did the Lamb play in all of this? What is God's plan for dealing with the injustice of this world? What does it mean for us?
4. We are reminded that we are all headed for death but Jesus desires to save us, He wants to rescue us. Is this encouraging to you? How has this truth affected the way you view God? How about the way you view yourself?
5. There is another scene from Revelation that Pastor Tom spoke about, this one in Revelation 19:11-16. Re-read this portion of scripture and discuss, how does this make you feel? What is God doing in this scene and how does it relate to Jesus being the ultimate judge?
6. The image in Revelation 19, is one of absolute triumph and authority, it is the King of King and Lord of Lords. This is triumphant and a source of great hope and joy for all believers. But, in order to see this as hope and victory we must first decide if we want to engage Jesus as the lamb or as the rider? Have you accepted Christ as Savior of your life? Take some time in closing to discuss who this message made you think of. Who came to mind that still needs to understand their need for Jesus the Lamb? Take some time to pray over each other, to share encouraging stories of God providing justice. Spend time praying over injustices in this world, for God's protection, blessing and provision until His return.