

The Story of Jesus
(Lesson 31)

Introduction:

1. Growing in the knowledge of Christ is an important activity (2 Peter 3:18).
2. This growth is accomplished through careful Bible study (John 5:39).
3. As Jesus traveled throughout Palestine teaching and preaching, He addressed many important subjects, including "final events."
4. In dealing with "final events," Jesus talked about:
 - a. His return
 - 1) He promised His apostles that He will return (John 14:2-3).
 - 2) He said that no one knows when He will return (Matthew 24:36).
 - 3) He taught His followers to "*watch*" for His return (Matthew 24:42; 25:13) and to be "*ready*" for it (Matthew 24:44).
 - b. the resurrection.
 - 1) He taught that the dead will be raised (John 5:21, 25).
 - 2) He taught that the dead will be raised "*at the last day*" (John 6:39-40, 44, 54).
5. In dealing with "final events," Jesus also talked about "the judgment," the subject of this lesson.

Discussion:

- I. THE SCRIPTURES TEACH THAT JUDGMENT WILL OCCUR
 - A. Jesus taught that judgment will occur in:
 1. Matthew 10:11-15
 2. Matthew 11:20-24
 3. Matthew 12:36.
 - B. The reality of the judgment is also declared in:
 1. Ecclesiastes 11:9; 12:14
 2. Hebrews 9:27.
- II. THE SCRIPTURES TEACH WHEN JUDGMENT WILL OCCUR
 - A. Jesus taught in Matthew 25:31-33 that judgment will occur when He returns.
 - B. Even though the time of the judgment is not known because no one knows when Jesus will return, there will be a "*day*" of judgment (Matthew 10:15; 11:22, 24; 12:36).
- III. THE SCRIPTURES SUPPLY ADDITIONAL DETAILS CONCERNING THE JUDGMENT
 - A. Jesus will be the judge (John 5:22, 26-27, 30).
 - B. Everyone will be judged (John 5:28-29; 2 Corinthians 5:10).
 - C. Each person will be judged on the basis of:
 1. his judgment of other people (Matthew 7:1-2)
 2. his words (Matthew 12:35-37)
 3. his works (Matthew 16:27)
 4. his assistance of the needy (Matthew 25:31-46)
 5. what is written in the books (Revelation 20:12; John 12:48).