

## Jesus: Judge & Savior

### Acts 10:34-43

People are quick to accept Jesus when they have false ideas of who He is. Many like to think of Him as a friendly teacher who simply advocated friendliness toward others. Some think of Him as a failed political figure. Others think of Him as merely a Savior, and nothing more. Still others give little thought of Him at all. But know this; Jesus is Lord of all (v. 36). Whether you like it or not, that is what He is.

What is more, His lordship is vindicated by His resurrection from the dead, after He had given His life over as a ransom for sinners (He taking their place of condemnation, that they may live and have peace with God). But know this, Jesus is both Judge and Savior, and how you respond to His gospel will determine whether or not He pronounces you as “guilty” on the Day of Judgment or as “justified/righteous” on that Day. In the end, will you find Him to be your Judge or your Savior? Ask yourself that question today.

#### I. Jesus as Judge

All judgment and authority has been given to Christ, that all should honor the Son as they honor the Father (Jn. 5:22-23). The day is coming when the living and the dead will appear before the holy and fearful presence of Jesus Christ, the resurrected Lord of glory (1 Cor. 2:8). All mocking will cease, and laughter will turn into mourning, and confidence into fear and trembling. There will be no escape from the justice of His rod, as your countless sins are brought before Him and judged in righteousness.

Do you tremble at God’s word? O, that you would, for “the fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction” (Prov. 1:7).<sup>1</sup> If you do tremble now, know this, Jesus is also the Savior.

#### II. Jesus as Savior

The whole Bible testifies that Jesus is the Savior (Lk. 24:25-27, 44-47), the One promised of God to take away the sins of the world. If you desire forgiveness of sins, peace with God, and to appear before Him in holiness and righteousness, then you must come to Christ – He is your refuge!

**John 3:16-18** “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

**2 Corinthians 5:21** “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

**Galatians 3:13** “Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, ‘Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree’).”

**Acts 4:12** “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Turn from your sinful way of life today and call on the name which is above every name (Phil. 2:9-11), the name of Jesus Christ, in faith. You will find Him to be a perfect Savior!

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<sup>1</sup> All Scripture quotations are from the NKJV.