



Mustard Seed Lesson for Sunday, 14 January 2007
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“Jesus: Authority and Judge”

SCRIPTURE LESSON TEXT: John 5:19-29 (KJV)

19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

23 That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

GOLDEN TEXT (Memory Verse):

“...He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life...”
(John 5:24 KJV)

LESSON OBJECTIVE:

The lesson objective is to teach that Jesus is our Savior now and will be our Judge someday. The following teacher’s notes should help direct the lesson discussion for the children.

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

1. Children should recognize Jesus as their Judge.
2. Jesus will judge us all.
3. Jesus will give rewards and punishment.

PLANNING VISUAL AIDS:

Aids needed for this lesson include: a "picture" (if you will) of the adult Jesus, construction paper, markers and previous lessons (titles) from this quarter's study of Jesus.

LESSON BACKGROUND:

We think of Jesus in many ways – as our Savior, loving Friend, great Teacher, Healer, worker of miracles, and so much more. The Bible says that He is also the Authority and the Judge.

Some people think it is good enough if we just believe in God. They think it is not so important to believe in Jesus. Jesus' teaching does not give support to this idea. He said clearly that we should honor Him just as we honor the Father. The worship due to God is also due to the Son. Even more explicitly, Jesus said that, in reality, those who do not honor Him do not honor the Father, either. We should honor Jesus, for one day we will stand before Him as our Judge.

TELLING THE LESSON:

1. What does it mean that Jesus is the Authority?

Authority means that Jesus is the one who sets the standards. He tells us the rules that we should live by and the rules that he will use to judge us. Jesus makes the rules that will determine who lives with Him in Heaven.

2. What does it mean that Jesus is the Judge?

One day we will be judged for all that we have done. It will be no surprise to us who the Judge will be. The Bible tells us ahead of time. We think of Jesus as our Savior and our Friend. We do not think of Him as our Judge, but someday He will judge every person. He will be the one to decide who kept the rules and who broke them. He will give out punishment and rewards.

3. Why did God the Father give all judgment to Jesus?

Some jobs the Father has given to Jesus. It will be Jesus' job to judge everyone. This is the way God the Father wants it. God wants us to honor Jesus, just as we honor the Father. If we do not honor Jesus, we are not honoring God, His Father. The worship that is due to God is also due to the Son. We should honor Jesus, for one day we will stand before Him as our Judge.

4. When will Jesus judge each of us?

We will be judged at the end of our lives. Someday all those who have ever died will hear Jesus calling them. Jesus will raise their dead bodies to life again and give rewards or punishment.

5. What rewards and punishment will Jesus give out?

Those who believe in Jesus will be given everlasting life and will not be sent away from God. They will live with Him in Heaven. Those who refused to believe in Jesus will be punished and will not be allowed to live in Heaven.

TELLING HOW TO LIVE:

Since Jesus will be our Judge, I am glad He is also our Savior. Spiritual life comes from believing in Jesus Christ. At the moment of our belief, we leave the realm of death and enter the realm of life. This spiritual life is the same as everlasting (or eternal) life. Jesus has set the standard that we are to live by.

We should live each day knowing that all we do and say will be looked at again, one day, by our Judge (Jesus Christ) who will then decide whether or not we will receive His reward.

EXPLAINING THE GOLDEN TEXT:

"...He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life..."
(John 5:24 KJV)

Jesus is telling us who has the life of God living in them – those who hear God's Word and believe what they hear. He is also telling those who have not yet become His children how they can be saved – also by hearing God's Word and believing the message.

When we believe in Jesus, we also believe in His Father. When we believe in Jesus, at that moment God give us His life.

LESSON ACTIVITIES:

(1) Encourage each student to learn the golden text – use this as the memory verse for the lesson. (2) Word Search Activity included at end of this lesson summary.

PRAYER:

Father God, thank you that Jesus is our Savior, our Lord, our Judge and so much more. Help us to love and to honor Him as He honored you. Help us to live each day knowing that someday we will be judged for all that we do. In Jesus' name, amen.

ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK'S LESSON:

Next week's lesson is "Jesus: Life-Giving Bread and Water" from John 6:34-40; 7:37-39.

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WORD SEARCH

(Jesus: Authority and Judge)

Find each of the following words.

JESUS

PUNISHMENT

FATHER

JUDGMENT

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BELIEVE

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ANSWER KEY for WORD SEARCH (Jesus: Authority and Judge)

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