

THE MINISTRY OF JESUS  
When Jesus Comes  
Matthew 25:31-46  
Week 49 July 25, 2021  
Pastor Mike Popovich

**Do you believe?** That is the critical question.

**WHEN JESUS RETURNS**

*But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.* Matthew 25:31 NAS

The first time Jesus came He did not come in His glory. He set aside His divine attributes and came as an infant born to Mary and Joseph and lived a human life alongside us.

And what does His glory look like? You will know it when you see it.

**THE JUDGMENT**

*And all the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, just as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; <sup>33</sup> and He will put the sheep on His right, but the goats on the left.* Matthew 25:32-33 NAS

All nations will appear before Jesus.

The Kingdom of God has grown to include people of every ethnic background.

The separating of the sheep and the goats, the believers and the non-believers, is what happens at the end of the age when Jesus returns.

**THE EVIDENCE**

*“Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world...’ <sup>41</sup> “Then He will also say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, you accursed people, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;”* Matthew 25:34, 41 NAS

Jesus is looking for the evidence that you have accepted God’s love and are motivated to action from having received that love from God.

*Beloved, let’s love one another; for love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love...<sup>16</sup> We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who remains in love remains in God, and God remains in him. <sup>17</sup> By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the **day of judgment.*** 1 John 4:7-8; 16-17a NAS

When God lives in you, you are loved and are motivated to love others.

Fruit of the Spirit is the fruit of God living in us.

**THE REWARD**

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Every person is created in the image of God. Our soul will never cease to exist. Our body will die but our soul or spirit will never die.

Fire is a metaphor for judgment.

The punishment is to spend eternity alone, no God, no friend or companion, no light, no creation, no hobbies...nothing. A soul created for relationship chooses to live eternity alone is the worse punishment imaginable.

Our Mission is to introduce Jesus Christ to people and help them become fully devoted followers of Him.

We do that by developing a caring and loving relationship with them.

When you are loved by God it is not hard to love others and let God love them through you.

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