

## Six ways the bodily resurrection of Jesus changes our lives now

### 6. The resurrection of Jesus proves that He will return to judge all people

People have long scoffed at the idea that Jesus will one day return to judge all people. But the resurrection of Jesus proves it will happen, and therefore we should live each day in light of that day of judgment.

Let's listen carefully to what the Bible says on this.

First, the clear link between Jesus' resurrection and his role as judge of all people:

*<sup>31</sup> For [God] has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead." (Acts 17v31).*

Next, Jesus' consistent teaching that he (the Son of Man) will return in glory. For example Matthew 27 when on trial before the Jewish ruling council, the Sanhedrin:

*The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."*

*<sup>64</sup> "You have said so," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."*

And here a clear link between Jesus' resurrection, his return and the coming judgment day (day of God's wrath), 1 Thessalonians 1v9-10:

*They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.*

So, although this is a sobering truth, the reality that one day Jesus will return to judge all people should be fixed in our minds as a fact. Jesus said he would be raised from the dead on the third day, and he was. Jesus said he will return in glory to judge. And so we can trust he will.

One of the perspectives I think we should take from the coronavirus crisis is that life in this broken world is fragile and very brief. And so as those who know there is eternity beyond this world, that heaven and hell are real, we should seek to live each day our Father gives us in light of that coming day of judgment.

A prayer: Lord God in heaven, please help us to believe that your judgment day is real when it seems so remote. Thank you that when Christ returns he will judge with justice. Thank you

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that he will right all wrongs and rescue his people. Please show us how we can best live today in light of that day.

Amen.