



John: The Great "I AM" Gospel
John 5:25-29
From Sermon 8.20.23

Read *John 5:25-29*

Overview from Sunday's sermon: Still in the middle of His own testimony regarding His divine authority and identity, Jesus now moves on to other spheres of sovereignty. He's not only clearing up any false doctrine on the future universal resurrection but giving fair warning and proclamation to His critics and enemies that, while they stand in judgment of Him today, on the Day, He will stand in judgment of them.

1. What same point (evidence) did Jesus give regarding the Sabbath that He now states regarding resurrection and judgment? 1) Just as God (the Father) is working always—even on the Sabbath—so must the Son be working. They are One in nature in purpose. 2) Therefore, just as the Father has/is life, so the Son is the life and the Father has bestowed all judgment authority on the Son. See *John 11:25*

2. What were the "trick questions" asked on Sunday and what is the common answer to all of them?

- Who will be resurrected?
- Who will live forever?
- Who will be judged?
- In the end, who will bow down to Jesus and proclaim Him as Lord?

The answer to all of them: Everyone.

[Note: we usually equate physical resurrection and eternal life with the elect/saved/born again/believers. While that scriptural language is true, it does paint a somewhat incomplete picture. Looking at the whole of Scripture, we see that everyone will be resurrected with a new body that never dies and everyone lives forever—physically. The distinction is where a person will exist for eternity.]

3. Do any or all of these come as a surprise to you? Discuss. Various Personal Answers.

See also *Philippians 2:9-11*

4. On Sunday, Pastor Charley discussed two very different judgments: neither of which determines going to heaven or hell. That judgment already made in this life. See also *John 3:18-19*. List the two judgments and what they do determine.

- Judgment of Believers: Degrees of reward in heaven. Review also the Parable of the Talents. For the believer, their sin is remembered no more. They are judged on their deeds after conversion. See *1 Corinthians 3:11-15*
- Judgment of Unbelievers: Degrees of punishment in hell. For the non-believer, their righteous deeds are not considered. (Isaiah 64:6). They are judged on their sins. See *Revelation 20:12-15*

5. Discuss the "Courtroom Reversal" that will take place on the Day of the Lord = Today's jurors (the world) become tomorrow's defendants. Today's defendant (Jesus) becomes tomorrow's Judge and Executioner. See also *Matthew 25:31-34*