

Judgment Day Excuses That Will Not Work

Jesus will come again (John 14:3). On the same day, He will judge all men. That day is called both “the last day” (John 12:48) and “the day of judgment” (2 Peter 3:7).

What excuses might be given that day?

“But, Lord, I thought . . . ?” This sounds like Naaman when he was told to dip in the Jordan to be rid of leprosy (2 Kings 5:11). He thought he knew how things ought to happen, but God thought differently. On Judgment Day it might be, “But I thought that all a person had to do to be saved was believe in Jesus as God’s Son.” The Bible says, “Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. . . . ‘Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness’ . . . You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only” (James 2:17–24).

Jesus will judge us by the Bible (John 12:48). “But, Lord, I was always told. . . .” In the religious realm, all kinds of faulty messages are given. Only God’s Word is truth (John 17:17). Some might say, “I was told that one church is as good as another.” God’s Word teaches that there is only one body or church (Ephesians 4:4), and that Jesus promised to build one church (Matthew 16:18). He purchased and saves only one church with His blood (Acts 20:28; Ephesians 5:23, 25).

“But, Lord, my pastor always said. . . .” It is amazing how many people hang their soul’s destiny on what a preacher has to say. The only Pastor whom we should accept as final authority is “our Lord Jesus . . . that great Shepherd of the sheep” (Hebrews 13:20). He alone has all authority (Matthew 28:18–20). At the judgment, some may plead, “But my pastor said that it does not matter how you worship, just as long as you worship the Lord.” The Master said, “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth” (John 4:24).

Think about it.

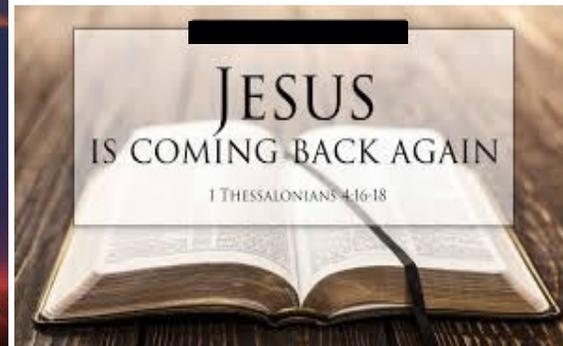
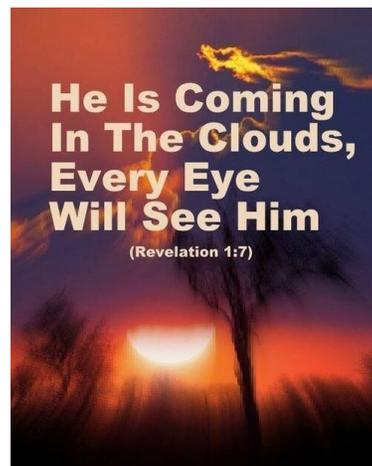
The Right Road

1. The right road is a way of purity and holiness (Isaiah 35:8).
2. The right road is protected. “The redeemed shall walk there” (Isaiah 35:8–9).
3. The right road carries you forward. It is a guide for your life (Isaiah 35:8).
4. The right road is a way of praise (Isaiah 35:10).

Which road are we on? If we find that we are on the wrong road in life, there is a way to return to the right road. “Ponder the path of your feet.” Proverbs 4:26

Prayers and Concerns

- ◆ All those who are still grieving the loss of loved ones who are absent this holiday season.
- ◆ Remember those with health issues—Dale Strong, Aleta Collins, Ruth Strain, Bob Robbins, Coe Hamm.
- ◆ All those battling cancer—Ricky Langston, Lisa Langston, Tiffany Pleasant, Amy Myers, Don Luna, Jim Kirkland, Wayman King, Donna Shipley, Elaine Hunter (Larry’s sister), Dawn (Chris Lemburg’s sister), Lionel Daugherty, Jana Crisp, Richard Blackburn, Jenny James, Debbie Eslinger, Sharon Fox, Bill Agee, Joy Cutbirth.
- ◆ GHCC: Virginia Hamblen, Delphia Holmes. Clifford Lansdown at Hiram Shaddox; Wilbern Uchtman at Brook Haven.
- ◆ Homebound: Vernon James, Steve Siebels, Mary Piepergerdes.



Birthdays		Anniversaries	
12-25	Jessica Smith	12-31	Don and Karin Reynolds
12-27	Granger Stevens	1-10	Matt and Rose Burton
1-4	Aleta Collins	Birthdays	
1-7	Bill Collins	1-24	Frances McGinnis
1-10	Marty Jones	1-25	Melinda Walrath
1-11	Rose Burton	1-28	Sangchun Moyers
1-19	Brooke Hambelton	1-29	Sarah Hossman
1-19	Laramie Pleasant	1-30	Waylon Strong

New Year's Eve

Wednesday, December 31

Plans are for fellowship supper, singing praises, and then a party with games and visiting.

Barbara and Lana will have loaded potato soup and corn-bread for supper. Please bring finger foods/snacks to

**RESOLUTION ONE:
I WILL LIVE FOR GOD.**

**RESOLUTION TWO:
IF NO ONE ELSE DOES,
I STILL WILL.**



I Corinthians 15:3-4

The Gospel

January Worship Assignments

Welcome & Shepherd's Prayer

Communion & Closing Prayer

Today Don Luna
1-4 John Abraham
1-11 Mark Lane
1-18 David Stevens
1-25 Don Luna

R. J. Moyers
Tinker Langston
Titus Smith
Paul Wade
Don Reynolds

Song Leader: Titus Smith; John Abraham

Greeters: Dana and Marsha Crisp; John and Melinda Abraham

The Family News

December 28, 2025

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A Place to Call Home

We welcome you and are so glad you could worship with us today.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Bible Classes for All Ages

10:30 a.m. Worship Service: ***The Savior Is Coming Back***

Wednesday

6 p.m. Fellowship Supper

7 p.m. Bible Classes for all ages

Sunday Worship Outline

Welcome and Shepherd's Prayer

Kids Singing up Front

Worship God by Singing Praises

Communion Service

Song before Sermon

Sermon and Invitation

Invitation Song

Closing Song and Prayer

Offering baskets are located at the back.

We are a community of redeemed sinners who are following Jesus Christ, proclaiming the gospel of grace, loving our Lord and one another.

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Ministers: Every Member—Each One of Us