

## HERE COMES THE JUDGE

### I. CONTEXT

#### A. Redefining Our Language

1. Judge -- to distinguish and separate; to decide; "tell the difference between"
2. Judgement -- the decision; the verdict and its consequences
3. Good and right -- life the way God lives and wants us to live
4. Evil and wrong -- any distortion of or rebellion against God's way of life

#### B. Spiritual Summary of the kosmos

1. Original manufacturer and designer (plus prototype)
2. Checking the specs -- "quality assurance"
  - a. "As I heard, I made things"
  - b. "As I hear, I judge things"
  - c. Not God from a distance, but Jesus up close
  - d. "Something is wrong here" -- evaluate what lines up with and what rejects

### II. THE WITNESSES

#### A. John the Baptist (v. 33-35)

1. Not sure what to make of him.
2. "bear witness of the true light" (1:7)
3. Rejoiced awhile in the light of his lamp

#### B. Miracles (v.36)

1. I do what the Father gives Me to do.
2. This shows He sent Me.
3. "No man can do these works unless God is with Him" (3:2)

#### C. God the Father (v. 37-38)

1. You have neither seen nor heard Him
2. "No man has seen God; Jesus has explained Him." (1:18)
3. You don't have His word in you = you do not base your actions/beliefs on what He says.
4. That's why you don't believe Me.
5. *You have your own idea about who & what He is*

#### D. Lack of Endorsements (41-44)

1. No recommendations or honors from among you
2. Not coming in My own name (reputation)
3. I am looking for no honor or glory; I want only to give it to God.

E. Scriptures/Moses (v. 39-47)

1. You thought these were witnesses for you
2. Thought life was in them; instead, they told about Me coming to evaluate things.
3. You didn't even really believe Moses because he *grapho* - ed and *gramma* - ed Me

III. THE JUDGEMENT DEPENDS ON THE JUDGE

A. ~~Right~~ and Wrong; ~~Good~~ and Evil

B. Who Jesus is

What Jesus is

What Jesus says

What Jesus does

> Will not make sense to the belief system you have constructed

1. Forgiveness = cutting away anything outside the specs
2. Restoration = getting things back to original specs

C. Call to People

1. Believers giving up their own specs
2. Unbelievers