



# THE VOICE THE DEAD CANNOT IGNORE

## RECONSIDERING CHRIST'S POWER OVER LIFE AND DEATH

### JOHN 5:21-29

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## 1. Rethink \_\_\_\_\_

(vv.21-23)

## 2. Respond \_\_\_\_\_

(vv.24-26)

## 3. Be \_\_\_\_\_

(vv.27-29)

**John 5:21** For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. **22** For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, **23** that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. **24** Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. **25** "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. **26** For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. **27** And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. **28** Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice **29** and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment. (ESV)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about small groups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please call the church office at (949) 540-0699 or email us at [SmallGroups@CompassChurch.org](mailto:SmallGroups@CompassChurch.org).

1. Read **Psalm 39:4-5** and **Psalm 90:12**. How should the brevity of life reshape the way you prioritize your time, your plans, and your preparation for eternity?
2. Read **Acts 17:30-32**. Why does the resurrection of Jesus validate his authority to be the judge of all people? How should that shape the way you respond to him and all that he says?
3. Read **John 11:25-27**. If your future resurrection depends on Christ's, how confident are you that his resurrection actually happened—and what would it take to be sure? Which resources below will you utilize to investigate further?
4. Read **2 Corinthians 6:1-2**. What would you say to someone who keeps delaying their response to Christ, assuming they will have more time later?
5. Read **Acts 24:14-15; Daniel 12:2** and **Matthew 25:46**. Knowing that you will experience a physical resurrection and an eternal destiny, how prepared are you to stand before Christ?

Streaming of both the audio and video of today's sermon is available on the Compass website ([CompassChurch.org](http://CompassChurch.org)). The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App ([FPR.org](http://FPR.org)).

Msg. 09-05 – **The Word's Clarity about Our Sin**  
Msg. 19-03 – **The Centrality of the Resurrection**  
Msg. 18-12 – **Am I A Fool to Believe in the Resurrection?**  
Msg. 06-19 – **How Do We Decipher Truth in an Age of Conspiracy**  
Msg. 10-54 – **The Deity of Christ**  
Msg. 18-04 – **Submitting to Christ's Sovereign Authority**  
Msg. 10-51 – 10-62 – **Christology (a twelve-part series)**

## Daily Bible Reading Schedule

April 5<sup>th</sup> ..... *Judg. 15-17 & Lk. 10:1-24*  
April 6<sup>th</sup> ..... *Judg. 18-19 & Lk. 10:25-42*  
April 7<sup>th</sup> ..... *Judg. 20-21 & Lk. 11:1-28*  
April 8<sup>th</sup> ..... *Ruth 1-4 & Lk. 11:29-54*  
April 9<sup>th</sup> ..... *1Sam. 1-3 & Lk. 12:1-34*  
April 10<sup>th</sup> ..... *1Sam. 4-6 & Lk. 12:35-59*  
April 11<sup>th</sup> ..... *1Sam. 7-9 & Lk. 13:1-21*  
April 12<sup>th</sup> ..... *1Sam. 10-12 & Lk. 13:22-35*

Here are some books that may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Bowman, Robert M., and Ed Komoszewski. **Putting Jesus in His Place: A Case for the Deity of Christ**. Kregel, 2007.  
Clotfelter, David. **Sinners in the Hands of a Good God**. Compass Press, 2026.  
Duncan, J. Ligon III. **Fear Not: Death and the Afterlife from a Christian Perspective**. Christian Focus, 200.  
Fabarez, Mike. **10 Mistakes People Make About Heaven, Hell, and the Afterlife**. Harvest House Publishers, 2018.  
Jones, Mark. **Knowing Sin: Seeing a Neglected Doctrine**. Moody Publishers, 2022.  
Kaiser, Walter C. **The Messiah in the Old Testament**. Zondervan Academic, 1995.  
Lutzer, Erwin. **The Vanishing Power of Death: Lessons from the Life of Jesus**. Moody Publishers, 2004.  
MacArthur, John. **The Gospel According to God: Rediscovering the Most Remarkable Chapter**. Crossway, 2018.  
Morgan, Christopher W. **Hell Under Fire: Modern Scholarship Reinvents Eternal Punishment**. Zondervan, 2004.  
Morgan, Christopher W., and Robert A. Peterson, eds. **The Deity of Christ**. Crossway, 2011.  
Morris, Leon. **The Lord from Heaven: A Study of New Testament Teaching**. InterVarsity Press, 1974.  
Peterson, Robert A. **Hell on Trial: The Case for Eternal Punishment**. P&R Publishing, 1995.  
Tenney, Merrill C. **The Reality of the Resurrection**. Harper & Row, 1963.