Sermon Notes:

Jesus the Judge of the World

The question is who has the authority to judge; who is above or over the law, in such a way as to administer judgment with true impartiality, and justice?

John presents to us, _____ _____. He is the one who will administer true righteous world judgment.

"Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war." - Revelation 19:11

1. Why does Jesus have _____ Over Judgment?
    a. Because He is the Only Son Of God.
        i. John 5:19
        ii. Otto Borchert says, "What Jesus, as the one and only son of God, claimed was to be sent by God, on mission for God, doing the works of God, obedient to God, and bringing glory to God. That is not the role of someone who displaces God but one who is a representative or emissary of God."
        iii. Colossians 1:15-17
        iv. Hebrews 1:1-4
    b. Because He _____ the Son of Man.
        i. John 5:27
        ii. So who is the Son of Man and why does he have authority to Judge?
            1. Daniel 7:13-14
        iii. N.T. Wright says this, "What the Father has given to the Son, then, is the right to execute judgment on his behalf. The explanation that Jesus gives here (because he is the son of Man) draws on the ancient Jewish picture of 'one like the Son of Man' in Daniel 7, who is given authority over the world, and particularly to bring God's just judgment on the forces of tyranny and evil that have oppressed God's people. You could put it like this: God has longed to put the world to rights; now, with his apprentice son on the job, he is doing so at last. But bringing new creation to birth can only be done if the evil that has corrupted the old creation is named, shamed and dealt with. That's what judgment is all about."
2. But why has the Father _____ the Son the Authority over Judgment?
    a. John 5:22
        i. The Long Silence
        ii. Philippians 2:5-11

Conclusion: How we're schizophrenic when it comes to Judgment.

C.S. Lewis in Mere Christianity says, "The trouble is that one part of you is on His (God's) side and really agrees with His disapproval of human greed and trickery and exploitation. You may want Him to make

an exception in your own case, to let you off this one time; but you know at bottom that unless the power behind the world really and unalterably detests that sort of behavior, then He cannot be good. On the other hand, we know that if there does exist an absolute goodness it must hate most of what we do. That is the terrible fix we are in. If the universe is not governed by an absolute goodness, then all our efforts are in the long run hopeless. But if it is, then we are making ourselves enemies to that goodness every day, and are not in the least likely to do any better tomorrow, and so our case is hopeless again. We cannot do without it. and we cannot do with it. God is the only comfort, He is also the supreme terror: the thing we most need and the thing we most want to hide from. He is our only possible-ally, and we have made ourselves His enemies. Some people talk as if meeting the gaze of absolute goodness would be fun. They need to think again. They are still only playing with religion. Goodness is either the great safety or the great danger-according to the way you react to it. And we have (all) reacted the wrong way".

We are _____ when it comes to judgement; we want judgment on others but not on ourselves.

No one needs to be _____. There is grace, mercy, compassion, sympathy for all.

God is making _____ things new.

All of us are equally condemned, but only those that accept God's free offer of forgiveness and salvation _____ Jesus will be pardoned.

So will you rest, will you believe, will you trust, in the work of the Son of God. So when you meet Jesus the Judge you will have hope peace and rest.