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Q & A

How would Jesus appear when He returned?

How would people be separated for judgment?

Read more about it in Matthew 25

A Good News Story

Jesus Will Be Our Judge

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Jesus had just told His Apostles some parables to remind them to always be prepared for His return at the end of the age.

After He was done, Jesus explained what would happen upon His return.

“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, He will sit upon His glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before Him,” Jesus said.

He explained that He would separate everyone into two groups, much as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats in his flock.

Jesus said He would place the righteous people — the sheep — on His right.

“Come, you who are blessed by my Father,” Jesus said He would tell the righteous. “Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a



Bible Trivia

What name did Jesus call Himself in John 10:11?

The Good Shepherd

stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.”

Jesus said that the righteous people would wonder when they had seen Jesus in need and had taken care of Him.

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me,” Jesus said He would tell

the righteous.

Then Jesus said He would turn to the unrighteous people — the goats — whom he had placed on His left.

“Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels,” Jesus said He would tell the unrighteous. “For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.”

“Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?” He said the unrighteous would ask.

Jesus said He would remind them that what they did not do for one of the least ones they did not do for Him.

“And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life,” He said.

Puzzle

Fill in the blanks with the word sheep or goat. Hints have been provided.

1. I am the gate for the _____. (John 10:7)

2. Behold, I am sending you like _____ in the midst of wolves.

(Matthew 10:16)

3. And there will be ample _____'s milk for your food.

(Proverbs 27:27)

4. Also make sheets woven of _____ hair for a tent over the tabernacle. (Exodus 26:7)

5. We had all gone astray like _____. (Isaiah 53:6)

Answers: 1. sheep; 2. sheep; 3. sheep; 4. goat; 5. sheep

Happy New Church Year!

A new liturgical or Church year is beginning with the first Sunday of Advent on Dec. 3. Advent is the first season of the Church — or liturgical — year.

Pay close attention to the Scriptures being proclaimed during Advent. You will notice that many are from the Old Testament book of Isaiah.

And in each reading, we learn something about Jesus.

For example, in Isaiah 7:14, we read, “Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign; the young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son, shall name him Emmanuel.”

Isaiah 9:5-6 says, “For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. ... They name Him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, upon David’s throne.”

And in Isaiah 53:3-7, we learn the Messiah was pierced and “bore the punishment that makes us whole, by His wounds we were healed.”

It is in Isaiah we learn about our Savior.



(Photo provided)

Sycamore Students Show Off ‘Decades’ of the Rosary

St. Mary Preschool in Sycamore submitted an entry to this year’s Sycamore Pumpkin Festival. The theme was “Pumpkins through the Decades” and the students decorated “decades” of a rosary.