

Jesus: Judge of All Nations

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Day 1: The Day of
Reckoning

Reading:
Joel 2:12-13;
Romans 3:23-24

"Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart." These words pierce through our defenses and expose a profound truth: we have all rebelled against God. Like Israel in Joel's time, our hearts naturally drift toward idolatry—placing careers, relationships, or comfort above our Creator. But here's the remarkable news: God remains gracious, merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Our rebellion doesn't have the final word; His mercy does. Today, examine your heart honestly. Where have you drifted? What has taken God's rightful place? Confession isn't about condemnation—it's about restoration. Return to Him with your whole heart, not just part of it. He's waiting with open arms.

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Day 2: God Keeps His Promises

Reading:
Genesis 12:1-3;
Joel 3:1-2

Throughout history, skeptics have predicted Israel's demise, yet this tiny nation persists against impossible odds. Why? Because God keeps His promises. When He told Abraham, "I will bless those who bless you," He wasn't making a suggestion—He was declaring an unchangeable reality. God's faithfulness to Israel isn't just ancient history; it's unfolding before our eyes, strengthening our confidence in every promise He's made to us. Are you struggling to believe God will come through for you? Look at Israel's restoration. The same God who brought them back to their land will fulfill every word He's spoken over your life.

His track record is perfect. Write down one promise from Scripture that speaks to your current situation, and choose to believe it today.

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Day 3: The Mirror of God's Word

Reading:
James 1:22-25;
Jeremiah 17:9-10

God's Word functions like a mirror, revealing who we truly are—and the reflection isn't always pretty. "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately sick," Jeremiah warns. This diagnosis should devastate us, yet it's also liberating. We can stop pretending, stop performing, stop exhausting ourselves trying to appear righteous. When we honestly see our brokenness reflected in Scripture, we finally understand our desperate need for a Savior. John the Baptist, even while boldly proclaiming Jesus as the Lamb of God, later questioned from prison: "Are you really the one?" Doubt doesn't disqualify you; it drives you back to God's Word for reassurance. Today, let Scripture show you the truth about yourself—both your sin and your Savior. Don't look away from the mirror; let it break you and remake you.

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Day 4: Everyone Who
Calls

Reading:
Joel 2:32;
Romans 10:9-13

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Not the religious elite. Not the morally superior. Not those who've earned it. Everyone. This single word demolishes every barrier we construct between ourselves and God's grace. Perhaps you're haunted by past failures, convinced you've gone too far. Perhaps you doubt whether God could love someone like you. The beauty of "everyone" is that it includes you—right now, exactly as you are. Salvation isn't about climbing up to God; it's about crying out to Him from wherever you've fallen. No prerequisite. No probation period. Just call. Jesus promises, "I am the way and the truth and the life." He doesn't point to the way; He is the way. Have you called on His name? If not, today is your day. If so, who in your life needs to hear this liberating truth?

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Day 5: Confident in the
Coming Kingdom

Reading:
Joel 3:16-21;
Revelation 21:1-5

"The Lord roars from Zion...but the Lord is a refuge to His people." This paradox captures the essence of our hope: the same God who judges wickedness shelters those who trust Him. Joel's prophecy points beyond immediate restoration to ultimate renewal—when mountains drip with wine, hills flow with milk, and God dwells permanently with His people. This isn't wishful thinking; it's guaranteed by God's Word. When current events overwhelm you, when injustice seems to prevail, when you wonder if God really has control, remember: He's putting together a puzzle, and you're seeing it come into view. The Lord will avenge. He will restore. He will make all things new. Your confidence isn't in political solutions or human effort—it's in the sovereign God who declares the end from the beginning. Live today with eternity in view, knowing your labor in the Lord is never in vain.

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