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FOUR JUDGMENTS OF JESUS

I. Always you are called on to express your judgment.

A. It may be an election.

B. It may be to evaluate a sermon.

1. Dwain Evans spoke at ACC '66 Lectures.

Reaction:

a. A bombshell.

b. "Really great."

c. "Sounded like prophetic utterance."

d. Nothing only silent.

e. "Pure Calvinism."

II. And so we digress right here to ask "How much latitude is given preachers in the church of Christ?"

A. More than any other consideration it affects today's youth.

1. What we grant the preacher we usually do the member.

2. How much "tolerance" in the vernier caliper gage of truth and logic?

3. No variance--how many subjects have you completely mastered--baptism, grace judgment, work, etc.

4. Who watches your search--editors, presidents, or elders?

5. Truth is constant, I'm the variable, I'm neither truth nor infallibility--so put up with me!

6. Is a "coffee break" sin?

B. What we determine as the margin of living

is going to regulate the degree of happiness for many.

1. Frankly, I'm proposing the study for your further consideration.

2. If I could give the formula now it wouldn't be such a problem!

Eph. 4:1-6, 31-32

III. Even of the Lord there were varying judgments. Shall we see four?

A. Some thought him demon possessed.

John 10:20 "And many of them said He that

1. This follows sheep story--he is the Shepherd, he's the door--no one in but by Him.

a. Was his ravings and nonsense?

b. Would you commit suicide just to take up life again?

2. Do any view Jesus as unfriendly?

3. Is he personable to you?

4. Does it shock you that someone thinks he's evil?

5. Yet how do liquor folks, "give til it hurts hearers and others regard your devotion to Jesus?

B. Secondly, some said he was good.

John 7:12 "And there was much murmuring

1. In the story above he:

a. Went to Jerusalem secretly not told how nor why?

b. Jewish leaders were looking for him.

Kept asking--where is he.

c. Crowd varied--good, upright, moral--
others a deceiver.

d. For fear none spake openly.

2. They see him as a man--a good man.
(Plato's man clip)

3. Well said "We will not consent to worship
but at least we will admire."

4. Is he no more to you than a good man--
can you not leave out one from good?

C. Peter said he was the Christ.

Matt. 16:16 "Thou art the Christ"

1. Beyond Galilee's frontier, at base of
majestic Hermon, lay C.P.

2. Two springs came forth, make two
streams the Jor. and the Dan. Blend
together waters and name to make
historic river.

3. Here Jesus asked what was the judgment
of the people.

4. Forthwith came Peter's prompt confession

5. Seems sad the Lord who forgot a priest-
hood had one false formed in the new age
on these words.

6. Yet no fathers agreed--origin Chrysostom
Jerome and Augustine said it was either
the Rock is Jesus or else every con-
fessor shares or else the faith of the
confession.

7. Is he truly the Son of God to us?

D. Lastly some saw him as Lord.

John 20:28 "Thomas said my Lord and my

1. All of us know of the doubting Thomas made possible because of the absent Thomas.
2. With "artless simplicity" the Bible tells the faults of its heroes as Simeon in his Expository Outlines said.
3. Thomas had been hard on Jesus:
 - a. Suppose he'd literally have to show his wounds to everyone.
 - b. Couldn't he credit Apostles as truthful men--how could we him?
4. He now moves to great confession.
 - a. Not just consent of mind as the Baalite did I Kings 18:39 "Jehovah, He is the God" but affection and adoration couples with "my."
5. Is he "ours"
 - a. Do we rely on him alone.
 - b. Will we confess him at all times before whole world?
 - c. Is he "all our salvation and all our desire?"
Ps. 73:25 "Whom have I....there is none o
 - d. Is there yet uncertainty.
 - e. Does he dominate our purse, person, plans, power as we earnestly pray?

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Plato, the great scholar and philosopher on one occasion was discussing man. He gave this definition "An animal, biped and featherless." His students were greatly impressed. The next day Diogenes plucked a rooster, brought it into the classroom, cast it at the feet of the teacher and said "Behold Plato's man."

As a result of this incident Plato amended his definition to say that 'man is an animal, biped, and featherless, and having broad nails.'

How absurd. It is ridiculous to describe man by the body that houses him. You could no more describe him this way than you could a football team by the stadium in which it plays.

2nd Reading (Jesus)

Matt 1: 1-18

Matt 3: 13-17

Matt 5: 1-12

Matt 8: 18-22

Matt 9: 36-38

Matt 11: 28-30

Matt 16: 13-16

Matt 17: 1-8

Matt 21: 5-11

Matt 26: 47-50

Matt 27: 29-35

28: 1-8
16-20

1st Reading (Year)

Ps. 90:1-2

Ps 90:13-17

Ps 91:1-16

Ps 98:1-9

Ps 100

Ps 103:1-14

Ps 8
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