

This universe—the final chapter

Rewarded in the end?

Matthew 25:31–46

Introduction

1. The fact of Jesus' coming judgement v31–33

- Jesus will come as judge
- Jesus' judgement will be universal
- Jesus' judgement will be unavoidable
- Jesus' judgement will be irreversible
- Jesus' judgement will be binary
- Jesus' judgement will be personal

2. The outcome of Jesus' coming judgement

The kingdom of heaven

Hell

- Destruction
- Isolation
- Retribution
- For eternity

3. The basis of Jesus' coming judgement

- 'the least of my brothers' (see 'little ones'—Matthew 10:42; 18:8)
- 'when did we see you?'
- 'you did it to me'

Conclusion

Questions for discussion and reflection:

- how does the reality of Jesus' coming judgement cause you to shape your priorities today?
- What practical difference will it make to you to put v35–36 into action?