

# Acts 10:42

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.

## Analysis

Peter declared Christ 'commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.' The risen Christ commissioned apostolic preaching and testimony. The message centers on Christ as the divinely appointed Judge of all - both living ('quick') and dead. This establishes Christ's authority to judge and the necessity of responding to Him now. Reformed eschatology affirms Christ as the final Judge (2 Timothy 4:1), before whom all will stand. His judgment is comprehensive, righteous, and final.

## Historical Context

Jesus' commission to the apostles (Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8) authorized their preaching. The emphasis on Christ as Judge warned Cornelius's household that neutrality toward Christ is impossible - all will face Him as Judge, making present faith urgent.

## Related Passages

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. What does Christ's role as Judge teach about the urgency of the gospel?
2. How should Christ's future judgment affect our present witness and living?
3. Why is it important that the same Jesus who offers salvation will also execute judgment?

## Interlinear Text

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## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Corinthians 5:10** (Judgment): For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

**1 Peter 4:5** (Judgment): Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

**2 Timothy 4:1** (Judgment): I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

**Acts 17:31** (Judgment): Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

**Revelation 22:12** (Parallel theme): And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

**Acts 1:2** (Parallel theme): Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: