

Judgment Fourth Week of Lent Wednesday, March 18, 2015 8:15 AM Is 49:8-15;
Jn 5:17-30 (St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop, doctor) (The judgment is not some sort of arbitrary question at the end of life. It is the result of one's life.)

This gospel is one of the principal sources of the belief in the Trinity, that is, the divinity of Christ. His equality with the Father, because they are actually one in Being, is rooted in this reading and many others; but most of them are in the Fourth Gospel where this idea is most fully developed.

But the other issue that is brought up here is the issue of judgment. It is very interesting that Jesus says, "The Father judges no one." What does that mean? You might think about that. **"The Father judges no one, but he has given all judgment to the Son."** The Son is the one who has become human. **So the judgment of God**, which is only one—there's only one God and only one divine judgment—**comes through** humanity, **the humanity assumed by the Word**. So the Word is God's understanding of God, assumes the humanity that we all share, and it's from that that comes divine judgment—knowing both, experiencing both realities, the reality of divine consciousness and the reality of human consciousness.

And yet Jesus makes a point that: **"All I do is what I see the Father doing. I cannot do anything on my own. I judge as I hear."** So he is saying that there is something in the judgment that he gives that is, in a sense, already there. There is really nothing he is giving to it. He is, if you will, the filter through which all judgment comes, but **he speaks what he hears and what he sees. It's already there in people's choices**. There is nothing arbitrary being placed on the judgment. There is no hidden agenda. It's already there. People who are good are raised to life. People who are wicked are raised to condemnation. In a way, they themselves have rendered the judgment by their choices. **The judgment is not some sort of arbitrary question at the end of life. It is the result of one's life.**