

JUDGMENT DAY SURPRISES
"MANY WILL SAY TO ME IN THAT DAY"

(Matthew 7:21-23)

INTRODUCTION

(Matthew 7:21-23) "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven. But he who does the will of My Father in heaven ... "

(Matthew 7:13-14) "... for wide is the gate and broad the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it ... "

(Matthew 25:31-33) "... and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides sheep from the goats. ... sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left."
(v44) "Then they also will answer Him, saying ... "

1. JUDGMENT WILL BE "BY THE BOOK"

(John 12:48-50) "the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day"

(Revelation 20:11-12) "Then I saw a great white throne ... books were opened ... were judged ... by the things which were written in the books."

2. SOME JUDGMENT DAY SURPRISES

- 1) **Felix** - (Acts 24:24 - 27) "he sent for Paul and heard him concerning the faith in Christ ... Felix was afraid ("trembled") and answered, Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call you ... he sent for Paul more often and conversed with him, but after two years ... left Paul bound."

When judgment day arrives, I wonder if Felix will be surprised?

Open the Book: (2 Corinthians 6:2) "now is the day of salvation"
(Hebrews 3:7) "Today" (v13) "Today" (v15) "Today"

- 2) **King Agrippa** -- (Acts 26:27-28) "... Then King Agrippa said to Paul, You almost persuade me to become a Christian."

When judgment day arrives, I wonder what King Agrippa will say?

"Almost" - nearly; very close; not far from; "within spitting distance."

Open the Book: (Mark 12:28-34) "... when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said, You are not far from the kingdom of God."

CLOSE - If you are not "in," then, you are "out." Surprise!