

## Study Guide: Second Coming, Final Judgment

To study the topic of the the Second Coming, the Resurrection of the Dead, and the Final Judgment, consult the Scripture passages listed and the paragraphs indicated in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC). **Note that the "In Brief" sections may help answer the questions below.**

1. How does the Catechism discuss the person and work of the Antichrist? Who, or what, is the Antichrist? (CCC 675-676)
2. ["Extra credit" question:] Where does Scripture mention the Antichrist? What does it say about the Antichrist? (Hint: There are four references near the end of the New Testament.)
3. How will the Church come into its final glory? How does the Catechism describe that entry into glory? (CCC 677)
4. What is the "Paschal mystery"? What is the significance of that mystery? (CCC 651-655)
5. What is the significance of Christ's Ascension? In what era of history does it place us? (CCC 668-670)
6. According to the Catechism, what is the present time to be like for the Church? (CCC 4671-672)
7. Why is the Church waiting for the "full inclusion" of the Jews? Is this attitude anti-Semitic? (CCC 673-674)

8. What does it mean for Christ to be our judge? In what ways can we be said to “judge ourselves”? (CCC 678-679)
  
9. [“Extra credit” question:] Look up some of the Scripture passages that the Catechism uses to support the answer to the previous question. (Hint: Check out the footnotes!)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. What will the final Judgment of mankind be like? What is the message we must bear in mind about that Judgment? (CCC 1038-1041)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. What will the “new heavens and the new earth” be like for humanity? for the rest of creation? (CCC 1042-1047)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. Why should the prospect of the coming Judgment **not** diminish our concern for the world around us? (CCC 1049-1050)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
13. What does the Catechism say about ecology? Why should human beings avoid causing suffering to animals? (CCC 2415-2418)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
14. What is the relation between the Second Coming and the Liturgy? (CCC 1107, 1130)