

When is the Last Day?

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“Last days” refers to a period of time at the end of the age, but “last day” refers to something else. The term “the last day” is used 6 times in the Bible, and all of them are in John 6.

These verses spoken by Jesus refer to the resurrection of the righteous:

John 6:39--“This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lost nothing, but raise it up on **the last day**.”

John 6:40--“For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on **the last day**.”

John 6:44--“No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him, and I will raise him up on **the last day**.”

John 6:54--“He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will rise him up on **the last day**.”

This verse is spoken by Martha, who was referring to the future resurrection of the righteous:

John 11:24 --“Martha said to Him, ‘I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on **the last day**.’”

This verse spoken by Jesus refers to the Judgment and resurrection of lost people:

“He who rejects Me and does not receive My says, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at **the last day**” (John 12:48).

We know that the resurrection of the righteous and the resurrection of the lost do not happen at the same time.

First Corinthians 15:23 refers to an “order” of resurrection. The order looks like this:

1. The Rapture of the Church (1 Thess. 4:16-17)
2. The resurrection of the two witnesses (Rev. 11:8-12).
3. The resurrection of the Old Testament saints & Tribulations saints (Dan. 12:2, Rev. 20:4)
4. The resurrection and judgment of all lost people at the Great White Throne (Rev. 20:11-15)

CONCLUSION: “The last day” refers to EVERY PERSON (both saved and lost) when their natural bodies (“dust”) are converted into their resurrected bodies for all eternity. **It is the last day of their earthly existence and beginning of their eternal state**. All followers of Jesus will have glorified bodies (1 Cor. 15:35-49), while all lost people will have hideous, corrupt bodies (Isa. 66:24).