



The Gospel According to Job

August 2: Job's Final Appeal: Job 31

A Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church

What does a life of integrity look like today? What parts of life should we consider?

Job 31:1-4

How has Job lived his life?

Matthew 5:28-29 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell.

Who should receive calamity and disaster? What does God know of Job's life?

Proverbs 5:21 For a man's ways are before the eyes of the LORD, and he ponders all his paths.

Job 31:5-8

What grammatical construction does Job use?

Does your heart follow your eyes? Has any spot stuck to your hands?

^{NLT} **Job 31:7** If I have strayed from his pathway, or if my heart has lusted for what my eyes have seen, or if I am guilty of any other sin,

Job 31:9-12

How does Job view adultery?

Proverbs 6:32 He who commits adultery lacks sense; he who does it destroys himself.

What does Abaddon mean?

Proverbs 27:20 Sheol and Abaddon are never satisfied, and never satisfied are the eyes of man.

Job 31:13-15

Does Job expect God to hold people accountable for how they treat servants?

How does Job communicate human equality?

Job 31:16-22

How has Job cared for the needy?

What consequences does he call upon himself if he has failed the needy?

Job 31:23

How does Job feel before the glory of God?

^{NKJ} **Job 31:23** For destruction *from* God is a terror to me, And because of His magnificence I cannot endure.

^{NLT} **Job 31:23** That would be better than facing the judgment sent by God. For if the majesty of God opposes me, what hope is there?

Job 31:24-28

What other sins has Job avoided?

Psalm 2:12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Job 31:29-34

How has Job conducted his life with his enemies?

Matthew 5:44-45 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.

Job 31:35-40

For what does Job plead? What is he missing?

Job 31 is the final speech of Job before his interaction with God. Where does he stand before God?

What happens next in Job?