THE QUESTION

Why did Jesus say calling a brother "fool" leads to hell fire (Matthew 5:22)?

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The short answer *From the text: says what the passages say*

Early writers read this as Jesus going to the root of murder: anger and insult. To call a brother "fool" is to revile him, and revilers face God's judgment. They warned that such words wound the name of Christ and urged quick reconciliation, since Gehenna means the eternal fire.

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Jesus goes to the root of murder

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Irenaeus explains that Jesus did not only condemn the act of killing. He also condemned the anger behind it and the insults that come from it, like "Raca" and "fool." The law said do not kill; Jesus went further and judged the heart and tongue.

1

"Furthermore, their impious belief regarding actions—that they must experience all sorts of deeds, even the most abominable—is refuted by the teaching of the Lord, who not only rejects the adulterer but also the man who wishes to commit adultery; and not only is the actual murderer guilty of killing someone to his own damnation, but so is the man who is angry with his brother without a reason."

later in the same passage

"He told them not only not to speak evil of their neighbors, but not even to call anyone "Raca" and "fool," declaring that otherwise, they were in danger of hell-fire."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book II* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 5, page 6** Read it in the library ›

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Each step brings a heavier judgment

Our note · compiled by machine learning · Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words

Tatian's gospel harmony lays out the steps clearly. Anger without cause deserves judgment, an insult brings condemnation, and calling a brother "fool" deserves the fire of Gehenna. The sin grows as anger moves from the heart to cruel words.

2

"But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother without a cause is worthy of the judgment; and everyone who says to his brother, You foul one, is condemned by the synagogue; and whoever says to him, You fool, is worthy of the fire of Gehenna."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tatian,** *Diatessaron* 8 (c. 150–180 AD) **Source 3, page 5** Read it in the library ›

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Calling someone "fool" is reviling him

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Cyprian puts this saying beside Paul's warning that revilers will not inherit God's kingdom. To him, insulting words against a brother are not small. They bring the Lord's rebuke on the one who speaks them.

3 “Since it is written, “Revilers shall not inherit the kingdom of God,” in 1 Corinthians 6:10, and again the Lord says in His Gospel, “Whoever says to his brother, ‘You fool,’ and whoever says, ‘Raca,’ shall be in danger of the Gehenna of fire,” in Matthew 5:22, how can those people escape the rebuke of the Lord who avenges? They heap up such words not only against their brothers, but also against the priests.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Epistles* **Source 10, page 6** Read it in the library ›
(c. 248–258 AD)
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Insults injure the name of Christ

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

The Apostolic Constitutions say that calling even an ordinary believer "Raca" or "fool" will be punished. The reason given is that such words harm Christ's name, since that believer belongs to Him.

4 “For if the one who calls one of the laity Raca, Matthew 5:22, or fool, will not go unpunished, since he injures the name of Christ, how dare anyone speak against his bishop?”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** **Source 15, page 6** Read it in the library ›
(c. 250–380 AD)
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We will answer for our words

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Clement of Alexandria links this saying to Jesus' warning about idle words. If calling a brother a fool brings judgment, then all careless and foolish talk matters too. Our words will either clear us or condemn us.

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5 “And if he who calls his brother a fool is in danger of the judgment, what shall we say about him who speaks what is foolish?”

later in the same passage

“By your speech you shall be justified," He says, "and by your speech you shall be condemned."”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Instructor* 2.6 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 7, page 6** Read it in the library ›

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Deal with anger quickly and reconcile

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

The Apostolic Constitutions apply Matthew 5:22 to daily life. Believers should be peacemakers and free from anger. If anger does come, they should make peace fast, before it hardens into lasting hatred that leads to sin.

6 “Therefore be righteous judges, peacemakers, and free from anger. For he who is angry with his brother without a cause is liable to judgment”

later in the same passage

“That is, be quickly reconciled, lest your anger continue so long that it turns into settled hatred and produces sin.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** (c. 250–380 AD) **Source 14, page 6** Read it in the library ›

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Gehenna means the eternal fire

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Irenaeus says the Gehenna Jesus spoke of is the eternal fire of final judgment. Hippolytus calls it the second death, the lake of fire. So the warning in Matthew 5:22 points to the most serious judgment there is.

7 “This is what is called Gehenna, which the Lord referred to as eternal fire.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book V* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 4, page 6** Read it in the library ›

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8 “For the second death is the lake of burning fire.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Hippolytus,** *Treatise on Christ and Antichrist* 1 (c. 200–236 AD) **Source 9, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages do not explain the exact meaning of the word "fool" in the language Jesus spoke.
- They do not say whether every use of the word is wrong; their concern is angry contempt for a brother.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 18 early Christian passages and 192 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–18, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 19–121, in Bible order), then 89 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF’s updated English unless marked “1885 English” (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). “… [continues online]” marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *18 passages from 9 writers*

Mathetes, *c. 80–200 AD · source 1*

1 *Epistle to Diognetus* (on point 7) shall fear what is truly death, which is reserved for those who shall be condemned to the eternal fire, which shall afflict those to the end who are committed to… [continues online] **read ›**

Hermas, *c. 90–150 AD · source 2*

2 *Shepherd* (1885 English; on point 2) folly is begotten bitterness, and of bitterness anger, and of anger frenzy. This frenzy, the product of so many evils, ends in great and incurable sin… [continues online] **read ›**

Tatian, *c. 150–180 AD · source 3*

3 *Diatessaron* 8 **Quote 2, page 2** “5:21 You have heard that it was said to the ancients, Do not kill; and everyone who kills is worthy of the judgment. Matthew 5:22 But I say… [continues online] **read ›**

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Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 4–5*

4 *Against Heresies: Book V* **Quote 7, page 4** “the books were opened. Moreover," he says, "the book of life was opened, and the dead were judged… [continues online] **read ›**

5 *Against Heresies: Book II* **Quote 1, page 2** “at all. He told them not only not to speak evil of their neighbors, but not even to call anyone "Raca" and "fool," declaring that otherwise, they were in danger… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 6–7*

6 *Stromata* 1.10 (on point 5) way, and so that, by knowing the Scriptures, we might walk in obedience. And just as people whose speech is evil are no better than those whose actions are evil… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *Instructor* 2.6 **Quote 5, page 4** “again, "By your speech you shall be justified," He says, "and by your speech you shall be condemned… [continues online] **read ›**

Hippolytus, *c. 200–236 AD · sources 8–9*

8 *Exegetical Fragments* 1 (1885 English; on point 7) “to one who lives without sin there is no darkness, no worm, no hell (Gehenna), no fire, nor any other of these words or things of terror… [continues online] **read ›**

9 *Treatise on Christ and Antichrist* 1 **Quote 8, page 5** “your part is in the hell of fire… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · sources 10–13*

10 *Epistles* **Quote 3, page 3** “again the Lord says in His Gospel, “Whoever says to his brother, ‘You fool,’ and whoever says, ‘Raca,’ shall be in danger of the Gehenna of fire,” in Matthew 5… [continues online] **read ›**

11 *Treatises* (1885 English; on point 7) “Him who will call down on them that believe not, eternal punishments in the fires of Gehenna… [continues online] **read ›**

12 *Epistles* (on point 7) each person deserves by the examination of His divine knowledge. Then He will send the guilty to Gehenna, and He will set our persecutors on fire with the endless burning… [continues online] **read ›**

13 *Treatises* (1885 English; on point 7) “ever-burning Gehenna will burn up the condemned, and a punishment devouring with living flames… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · sources 14–17*

14 *Apostolic Constitutions* (1885 English) **Quote 6, page 4** he that is angry with his brother without a cause is obnoxious to the judgment… [continues online] **read ›**

15 *Apostolic Constitutions* **Quote 4, page 3** “against us, but against the Lord our God." Exodus 16:8. For if the one who calls one of the laity Raca, Matthew 5:22, or fool, will not go… [continues online] **read ›**

16 *Apostolic Constitutions* (1885 English; on point 1) who then forbade murder, does now forbid causeless anger… [continues online] **read ›**

17 *Apostolic Constitutions* (1885 English; on point 5) do not consider the word of God in the Gospel: Whosoever… [continues online] **read ›**

Lactantius, *c. 290–320 AD · source 18*

18 *Epitome of the Divine Institutes* 57 (1885 English) “the fool acts badly, because he is ignorant of what is good and evil… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *103 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

19 **Exodus 23:3** And you shall not show mercy to a poor man in judgment. **read ›**

20 **Deuteronomy 4:24** For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God. **read ›**

21 **Deuteronomy 32:22** For a fire has been kindled from my wrath; it shall burn down to Hades below; it shall devour the land and its produce; it shall set on fire the foundations of the mountains. **read ›**

22 **Job 6:8** Oh, that he would grant it, and that my request might come, and that the Lord would grant my hope! **read ›**

23 **Job 12:5** For at an appointed time it had been made ready that he should fall under others, and that his houses should be plundered by the lawless. Nevertheless let no one who is evil trust that he will be held innocent, **read ›**

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24 **Psalms 21:9** You will make them like a furnace of fire at the time of your presence; the Lord in his anger will throw them into confusion, and fire will devour them. (Septuagint Psalm 20:10 (Psalm 21:9 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

25 **Psalms 31:18** Let the deceitful lips become mute, which speak iniquity against the righteous with pride and contempt. (Septuagint Psalm 30:19 (Psalm 31:18 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

26 **Psalms 37:30** The mouth of the righteous will meditate on wisdom, and his tongue will speak judgment. (Septuagint Psalm 36:30 (Psalm 37:30 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

27 **Psalms 92:6** A foolish man will not know, and a senseless man will not understand these things. (Septuagint Psalm 91:7 (Psalm 92:6 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

28 **Psalms 94:8** Understand now, you senseless among the people; and you fools, at last be wise. (Septuagint Psalm 93:8 (Psalm 94:8 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

29 **Proverbs 8:5** Understand shrewdness, you guileless ones, and you who are untaught, gain understanding. **read ›**

30 **Proverbs 10:23** A fool does evil in laughter, but wisdom gives birth to sound judgment for a man. **read ›**

31 **Proverbs 14:3** Out of the mouth of fools comes a staff of arrogance, but the lips of the wise guard them. **read ›**

32 **Proverbs 16:10** An oracle is on the lips of a king, and his mouth will by no means go astray in judgment. **read ›**

33 **Proverbs 17:7** Faithful lips will not suit a fool, nor lying lips a righteous man. **read ›**

34 **Proverbs 18:2** One who lacks understanding has no need of wisdom, for he is rather led by foolishness. **read ›**

35 **Proverbs 18:3** When the ungodly man comes into a depth of evils, he becomes contemptuous; but dishonor and disgrace come upon him. **read ›**

36 **Proverbs 19:28** He who stands as guarantor for a foolish child will insult the ordinance, and the mouth of the ungodly will swallow judgments. **read ›**

37 **Proverbs 26:3** As a whip for a horse and a goad for a donkey, so is a rod for a lawless nation. **read ›**

38 **Proverbs 26:4** Do not answer a fool according to his foolishness, lest you become like him. **read ›**

39 **Proverbs 26:5** But answer a fool according to his foolishness, lest he appear wise in his own eyes. **read ›**

40 **Proverbs 27:22** If you whip a fool in the midst of the council, dishonoring him, you will by no means remove his foolishness. **read ›**

41 **Proverbs 29:9** A wise man will judge nations, but a worthless man, when angry, is laughed at and does not cower. **read ›**

42 **Ecclesiastes 10:3** And indeed when a fool walks in the way, his heart will fail him, and all that he thinks is foolishness. **read ›**

43 **Isaiah 9:9** And all the people of Ephraim and those who dwell in Samaria will know, who say in arrogance and loftiness of heart, (Septuagint Isaiah 9:8 (Isaiah 9:9 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

44 **Isaiah 30:33** For you will be called to account before your days; has it also been prepared for you to reign? A deep ravine, wood laid in place, fire and much wood; the wrath of the Lord is like a ravine burning with sulfur. **read ›**

45 **Isaiah 32:5** And they will never again tell the fool to rule, and your servants will never again say, ‘Be silent.’ **read ›**

46 **Isaiah 32:6** For the fool will speak foolish things, and his heart will think vain things, to accomplish lawless deeds and to speak error against the Lord, to scatter hungry souls; and he will make the thirsty souls empty. **read ›**

47 **Isaiah 50:11** Behold, all of you kindle a fire and strengthen a flame; walk in the light of your fire and in the flame that you have kindled. Because of me these things have happened to you; you shall lie down in sorrow. **read ›**

48 **Jeremiah 15:14** And I will enslave you to your enemies round about, in a land that you did not know; for a fire has been kindled from my wrath; it will burn upon you. **read ›**

49 **Jeremiah 20:10** For I heard the blame of many gathering round about: “Conspire, and let us conspire against him”—all his friends. “Watch his intention, whether he will be deceived, and we will prevail against him and take our vengeance on him.” **read ›**

50 **Jeremiah 30:19** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

51 **Jeremiah 36:30** Therefore thus said the Lord concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah: He shall have no one sitting on the throne of David, and his carcass shall be cast out in the heat of the day and in the frost of the night; (Septuagint Jeremiah 43:30 (Jeremiah 36:30 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

52 **Jeremiah 48:14** How will you say, “We are strong, and a man strong for war”? (Septuagint Jeremiah 31:14 (Jeremiah 48:14 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

53 **Jeremiah 48:21** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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54 **Ezekiel 5:2** A fourth part you shall burn in the fire in the midst of the city at the fulfillment of the days of the siege; and you shall take a fourth part and burn it up in its midst; and a fourth part you shall cut down with the sword all around it; and a fourth part you shall scatter to the wind; and I will draw out a sword after them. **read ›**

55 **Ezekiel 15:5** Not even while it is still whole will it be fit for work; how much less, if the fire consumes it completely, will it still be fit for work! **read ›**

56 **Ezekiel 18:4** For all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son, they are mine; the soul that sins, it shall die. **read ›**

57 **Ezekiel 22:21** and I will blow upon you with the fire of my anger, and you shall be melted in the midst of it. **read ›**

58 **Ezekiel 28:18** Because of the multitude of your sins and the unrighteous deeds of your trade, I have profaned your holy things; and I will bring fire out of your midst; this shall devour you; and I will make you ashes upon your land before all who see you. **read ›**

59 **Hosea 2:15** And I will give her her possessions from there, and the Valley of Achor to open her understanding; and she shall be humbled there as in the days of her childhood, and as in the days of her coming up out of the land of Egypt. (Septuagint Hosea 2:17 (Hosea 2:15 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

60 **Hosea 4:5** And he shall be weak by day, and the prophet with you shall be weak; I have compared your mother to night. **read ›**

61 **Hosea 7:9** Foreigners devoured his strength, and he did not know it; and gray hairs blossomed on him, and he did not know it. **read ›**

62 **Hosea 10:2** They have divided their hearts; now they shall be destroyed. He himself shall dig down their altars; their pillars shall be in misery. **read ›**

63 **Hosea 10:3** For now they will say, “We have no king, because we did not fear the Lord; **read ›**

64 **Hosea 10:6** And having bound it, they carried it to the Assyrians as gifts for King Jarim. Ephraim shall receive a gift, and Israel shall be ashamed of his counsel. **read ›**

65 **Hosea 10:12** Sow for yourselves for righteousness; gather in for the fruit of life; light for yourselves the light of knowledge; seek the Lord until the fruits of righteousness come to you. **read ›**

66 **Hosea 10:13** Why have you passed over ungodliness in silence and reaped its unrighteousness? You have eaten false fruit, because you trusted in your sins, in the abundance of your power. **read ›**

67 **Hosea 10:14** And destruction shall rise up among your people, and all your fortified places shall be gone—as the ruler Salaman from the house of Jeroboam: in the days of war they dashed the mother to the ground upon her children. **read ›**

68 **Hosea 10:15** So I will do to you, O house of Israel, because of the unrighteousness of your wickedness. **read ›**

69 **Micah 5:10** And it shall be in that day, says the Lord, that I will utterly destroy the horses from your midst, and I will destroy your chariots; (Septuagint Micah 5:9 (Micah 5:10 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

70 **Malachi 1:7** You bring defiled loaves to my altar. And you said, “In what way have we defiled them?” In that you say, “The table of the Lord is defiled,” and you have despised what is set on it. **read ›**

71 **Wisdom of Solomon 2:20** Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, by his own words, there will be a visitation for him.” **read ›**

72 **Wisdom of Sirach 5:13** Glory and dishonor are in speaking, and a man’s tongue is his downfall. **read ›**

73 **Wisdom of Sirach 7:17** Humble your soul greatly. Remember that anger will not delay, for the punishment of the ungodly is fire and worm. **read ›**

74 **Wisdom of Sirach 8:17** Do not take counsel with a fool, for he will not be able to keep a matter to himself. **read ›**

75 **Wisdom of Sirach 9:18** A talkative man is feared in his city, and he who is rash in his speech will be hated. **read ›**

76 **Wisdom of Sirach 13:23** A rich man speaks, and all are silent, and they exalt his word to the clouds; a poor man speaks, and they say, ‘Who is this?’ and if he stumbles, they will help to overthrow him. **read ›**

77 **Wisdom of Sirach 18:18** A fool will insult ungraciously, and the gift of a grudging man makes the eyes waste away. **read ›**

78 **Wisdom of Sirach 19:11** Because of a word a fool will be in labor, like a woman in labor with a child. **read ›**

79 **Wisdom of Sirach 19:12** Like an arrow stuck in the flesh of the thigh, so is a word in the belly of a fool. **read ›**

80 **Wisdom of Sirach 19:23** There is a wickedness, and it is an abomination, and there is a fool who is lacking in wisdom. **read ›**

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81 **Wisdom of Sirach 20:20** A proverb from a fool's mouth will be rejected, for he will certainly not speak it in its season. **read ›**

82 **Wisdom of Sirach 21:14** The inner parts of a fool are like a broken vessel, and he will hold no knowledge. **read ›**

83 **Wisdom of Sirach 21:16** The talk of a fool is like a burden on a journey, but grace will be found on the lips of the understanding. **read ›**

84 **Wisdom of Sirach 21:19** Instruction is shackles on the feet of the foolish, and like manacles on the right hand. **read ›**

85 **Wisdom of Sirach 21:20** A fool raises his voice in laughter, but a shrewd man will scarcely smile quietly. **read ›**

86 **Wisdom of Sirach 21:23** A fool looks into a house from the door, but a well-instructed man will stand outside. **read ›**

87 **Wisdom of Sirach 21:26** The heart of fools is in their mouth, but the heart of the wise is their mouth. **read ›**

88 **Wisdom of Sirach 22:9** He who teaches a fool glues broken pottery back together; he wakes a sleeper out of deep sleep. **read ›**

89 **Wisdom of Sirach 22:10** He who tells a tale to a fool tells it to one who is drowsy, and at the end he will say, "What is it?" **read ›**

90 **Wisdom of Sirach 22:13** Do not multiply words with a senseless man, and do not go to one without understanding. Guard yourself from him, so that you may not have trouble, and you will certainly not be defiled when he shakes himself off. Turn away from him and you will find rest, and you will certainly not be wearied by his madness. **read ›**

91 **Wisdom of Sirach 22:14** What is heavier than lead? And what is its name but "fool"? **read ›**

92 **Wisdom of Sirach 23:8** The sinner will be left behind, and the abusive man and the proud will stumble by them. **read ›**

93 **Wisdom of Sirach 27:7** Do not praise a man before he reasons, for this is the testing of men. **read ›**

94 **Wisdom of Sirach 27:13** The talk of fools is offensive, and their laughter is in the self-indulgence of sin. **read ›**

95 **Wisdom of Sirach 27:28** Mockery and taunts belong to the proud, and vengeance will lie in wait for him like a lion. **read ›**

96 **Baruch 4:35** For fire will come upon her from the Everlasting for many days, and she will be inhabited by demons for a long time. **read ›**

97 **Susanna 1:48** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

98 **2 Maccabees 7:35** For you have not yet escaped the judgment of the Almighty God, who watches over all. **read ›**

99 **3 Maccabees 3:23** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

100 **4 Maccabees 9:9** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

101 **4 Maccabees 12:12** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

102 **1 Enoch 67:10** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

103 **1 Enoch 95:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

104 **1 Enoch 98:9** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

105 **1 Enoch 100:7** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

106 **1 Enoch 100:9** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

107 **1 Enoch 103:8** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

108 **1 Enoch 108:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

109 **Matthew 5:22** But I tell you that everyone who is angry with his brother without a cause will be liable to judgment. Whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' will be liable to the council. Whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the fire of hell. **read ›**

110 **Matthew 12:36** But I tell you that every idle word that men speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. **read ›**

111 **Matthew 13:42** and will cast them into the fiery furnace. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **read ›**

112 **Matthew 13:50** and will cast them into the fiery furnace. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." **read ›**

113 **Matthew 23:33** You serpents, you offspring of vipers, how will you escape the judgment of hell? **read ›**

114 **Mark 9:46** where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched. **read ›**

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115 **Luke 3:2** during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zacharias, in the wilderness. **read ›**

116 **Acts 10:16** This happened three times, and the sheet was taken up again into heaven. **read ›**

117 **Acts 11:4** But Peter began, and explained to them in order, saying, **read ›**

118 **Acts 14:15** saying, “Men, why are you doing these things? We too are men of the same nature as you, preaching the gospel to you so that you should turn from these vain things to the living God, who made heaven and earth and the sea and all that is in them; **read ›**

119 **Acts 28:11** After three months we sailed in an Alexandrian ship that had wintered at the island, with the Twin Brothers as its figurehead. **read ›**

120 **Romans 15:14** I myself am also persuaded about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish others. **read ›**

121 **Jude 1:15** to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly among them concerning all the works of their ungodliness in which they have acted ungodly, and concerning all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him.” **read ›**

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