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 for Christian faith? What does it have to do with our resurrection? (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 671-672)

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) Look up some of the Scripture passages that the Catechism uses to support the answer to this question. (Hint: Check out the footnotes!)

9. What will the final Judgment of mankind be like? What is the message we must bear in mind about that Judgment?   (CCC 1038-1041)

10. What is the relation between the Second Coming and the Liturgy? (CCC 1107, 1130)

11. What is Heaven? What is the judgment that comes before it? What is the "last judgment"? (CCC 1020-1029, 1038-1050)

12. What is Hell? What Scripture passages does the Catechism cite to describe its nature and its duration? (CCC 1033-1036)

13. What does the Catechism say about the predestination of persons to damnation? (CCC 1037)

14. How do we know that "mortal flesh" will rise again? How will it rise? When? How is human resurrection linked to the person of Jesus? (CCC988-1004)