

## Sermon Notes

**The King Returns: The Word Comes Again** Revelation 19: 11-21 (pew Bible pg. 1040)

In revelation 19:10, the angel declared to John that the messenger is the wrong one to worship. The next few verses reveal the One who *is* worthy of our worship.

In Revelation 13, the worshippers of the beast defiantly ask, "who can fight against it?" In Revelation 19, they are crushed by the One who *is* the answer to their question.

In the first chapter of his gospel, John writes that the Word became flesh, and came in the fullness of God's grace bringing light and salvation (John 1:1-18). In Revelation 19, the Word comes into this world again, this time in the fullness of God's wrath bringing judgment and destruction.

To many it seems evil runs rampant and has done so unabated for millennia. But Scripture tells us otherwise. God's wrath is being stored up and will be poured out on "the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed" (Romans 2:5). We see that day come in Revelation 19. The conquering King is glorious. The defeat and destruction of his enemies will be complete. The battle will be brief. The One who is Faithful and True, the King of kings and Lord of lords will simply speak the word and his enemies will be routed and thrown into the lake of fire.

In Revelation 19, we see a stark and shocking contrast. For some, the second coming of Christ will be a glorious celebration and blessing at the "marriage supper of the Lamb". But for many, it will be a violent and devastating defeat as the birds gather at the "great supper of God" and gorge themselves on the carrion of the King's defeated enemies.

The King's victory will be complete, and the King's army will share in his victory. Revelation 19 begs the question: When the Word comes again, which side will you one? Which supper will you be a part of?

The King Returns in Glory, Power, and Authority (Rev 19: 11-16)

The King Returns with Devastating and Undiscriminating Judgment (Rev 19:17-18)

The King Returns to Capture and Slay Those who Oppose Him (Rev 19:19-21)

Applications:

The Word became flesh and came as a Lamb: trust him and be saved.

The Word will come again as a Lion: fear him, worship him, and stand confident in his victory. Meditate on the mystery of Christ and grow in your knowledge of him.

Christian, you are in the army of the conquering King; live boldly in the reality of that victory.

## Know

What does God intend for me to know? In your journal, use the following prompts to write some truths that stood out from this week's message.

I never knew...

I was reminded...

A question I still have...

A truth I could share...

I was challenged...

I was convicted...

I need to dig deeper into...

I was encouraged to...

Be (Consider)

What does God's Word lead me to prayerfully consider? In your journal, use the following questions to write some prompts to use in praying through this week's passage.

Is there a command to obey? How am I compelled to exalt God? Is there a promise to claim? Is there a principle to follow? Is there an example to follow? Am I convicted to confess any sin? Is there a sin to avoid? How do I need to rest in Jesus/the gospel? How can I pray for someone else? What am I compelled to love or desire?



What are the differences between Jesus' first and second coming (contrast John 1:1-18 & Revelation 19:11-21)? Despite the differences, how are they both part of the same work?

How should this picture of Jesus in Revelation 19 shape the way we think about and respond to him now, in our own lives?

Jesus bears the name "Faithful" and "True" in this passage, but he also bears a name that no one knows but himself. Although we can never fully comprehend him, how have you grown in your knowledge of who he is through your walk with him? What have you learned through our walk through Revelation?

\*Use this guide to help you internalize this week's message & to prepare for Life Group.

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