Sermon Guide - Sunday, November 1, 2026

Current Series: The Revelation

The Antichrist. Armageddon. The Beast. *666.* For centuries, the book of Revelation has fascinated, frightened, and confused Christians, but what if we've been so focused on decoding its mysteries that we've missed its main message? *The Revelation* is a 3-month journey through the Bible's final book, exploring its controversial prophecies, warnings to the Church, and breathtaking vision of the future. Along the way, we'll separate Scripture from speculation and discover that Revelation wasn't written just to make us afraid of what's coming. It was written to reveal **Jesus Christ** - the King who reigns over all other powers, the Lamb who conquers evil, and the Savior who promises that pain, death, and darkness won't have the last word. **The future belongs to Jesus, and that should change how we live right now.**

Today's Message: Part 12 - *The Wedding Day* (Revelation 19)

Think of a time when you were eagerly anticipating a loved one's arrival - the birth of a child, a kid coming home from college, a reunion with an old friend, or even your wedding day. **How did looking forward to seeing that person change what you did while you waited?**

> **Revelation 19:6-9** - Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear. Then the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!" And he added, "These are the true words of God."

What does the word "Hallelujah" mean?

What is "the wedding of the Lamb"? Who's the bride, and who is the groom in this wedding?

How were 1st-Century Jewish weddings different from most weddings these days?

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3 Phases of Ancient Jewish Weddings

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What happened during this phase of the wedding?

How does the story of Joseph and Mary tell us about how this phase of Jewish marriage worked? (See Matthew 1:19)

What does it mean that the bride of Christ has already been promised (or betrothed) to the groom? (See 2 Corinthians 11:2)

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What happened during this phase of the wedding? What did the groom have to do before bringing his bride home to consummate the marriage?

John 14:1-3 - "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.You know the way to the place where I am going."

How was Jesus alluding to the middle phase of Jewish weddings in this passage?

What does it mean that we are in this phase of our wedding to Christ today? What should we be doing in the meantime as we await our bridegroom's coming? (See Matthew 25:1-13)

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What happened during this phase of a Jewish wedding?

How is the passage above (Revelation 19:6-9) a description of this part of our marriage to Christ?

Rev. 19:11-16 - I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and one his thigh he has the name written: "KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."

When he comes to claim his bride, Jesus will also wage war against the forces in this world that sought to harm her. **What does this tell us about him?**

Who will flank him in this final battle? What does that tell us about us?

What key differences do you see between Jesus' first coming (2,000 years ago) and his future coming? Why do people need to know this?

As you think about your life, in what ways are you living like a bride *expecting* and *preparing for* her groom's arrival? In what ways are you not?

Your Notes: