Sermon Guide - Sunday, November 15, 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 14 - *3 Things Most Christians Get Wrong about Heaven* (Revelation 21)

How did you imagine Heaven when you were a kid?

What questions or curiosities do you still have about Heaven today?

3 Things Most Christians Get Wrong about Heaven

Misconception #1: "We _____ to Heaven." | Truth: Heaven _____ to us.

Genesis 1:1 - In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth...
Genesis 1:26-27 - Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule..." So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them.

What was God's purpose in creating the earth and humankind?

Isa. 65:17-18 - "See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. Be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create. I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy."

Matthew 24:35 - [Jesus answered...] "Heaven and earth will pass away..."

2 Peter 3:13 - But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

After sin devastated the earth, how did God intend to restore His design?

Revelation 21:1-5 - Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

How was John's vision a fulfillment of what had been foretold in Scripture? How does this idea of Heaven coming down to us change the way you imagine the afterlife?

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes." **What does this tell you about who God is, and what He wants?**

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Misconception #2: "Heaven is a _____ place." | Truth: Heaven is a _____ place.

Rev. 21:9-14 - One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and

high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

What (or who) is the New Jerusalem?

How does this vision of Heaven challenge the way most people imagine the afterlife?

Luke 24:36-43 - While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

What does Jesus' resurrection teach us about the reality that awaits us in Heaven?

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Misconception #3: "Heaven is for _____ people." | Truth: Heaven is for _____ people.

What's the difference between being "good" and being "glorified"?

Glorified *(adj)*: to make something or someone seem more splendid or important than they actually are.

Rev. 21:22-27 - I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Why do so many people think that Heaven is where good people go? What's wrong with that idea? *(See Romans 3:23)*

If it's true that "nothing impure will ever enter [Heaven]", how will any of us ever get there? *(See 2 Corinthians 5:21)*

John 1:14 - The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Hebrews 1:3 - The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being...

2 Corinthians 4:4-6 - The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Why will the sun and moon no longer be necessary in Heaven?

How is it possible for sinners like us to reach Heaven if "nothing impure will ever enter it"? *(See 2 Corinthians 5:21)*

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