

11.29.15 Primer

True and Better King

The Point:

In the end, all rulers will be conquered or abolished. Jesus alone will reign supreme as King and Lord of all the earth. There is no power, no king, no lord, no person who can oppose Him and win.

He is God. You are not.

Quote:

“Obedience to Christ’s commands is our absolute duty; yet, paradoxically, in his service is perfect freedom and joy!” - William J. U. Philip

Read Revelation 19:11-21

[11] Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. [12] His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. [13] He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. [14] And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. [15] From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. [16] On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

[17] Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, “Come, gather for the great supper of God, [18] to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great.” [19] And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army. [20] And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. [21] And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh. (Revelation 19:11-21 ESV)

From the ESV Gospel Transformation Study Bible:

At long last, Christ comes to save his people through the judgment of their enemies. Unlike every antichrist or satanic beast, Jesus is Faithful and True (v. [11](#)).

Jesus is able to save because he knew no sin ([2 Cor. 5:21](#)), and he will reign in a way that is worthy of trust: in righteousness he judges and makes war ([Rev. 19:11](#)). He will slay his enemies with the sword that comes from his mouth (v. [21](#); cf. the power of the word of gospel truth represented in [1:16; 2:12, 16; 19:15](#)). Because the battle has not yet begun, the description in verse 13, that he is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, seems to refer to his own blood from his death on the cross rather than to the image of [Isaiah 63:3](#), where the divine warrior wears a robe spattered with the blood of his enemies. People will either be saved by the blood of Jesus through faith in him or they will be judged and will pay for their sins with their own blood. One way or another, all sin will be punished.

Questions for Discussion:

1. What was your big takeaway from Sunday's sermon?
2. What was hard for you to understand or just to accept? Maybe someone from your group can help clear things up.
3. Read Revelation 19:11-21. What does this passage teach about God?
 - a. What does it mean to be faithful and true and to declare war in righteousness? Compare this to all the rulers of the world who are considered to be "kings."
 - b. What does it mean that his eyes are like a flame of fire?
 - c. What does it mean that he will destroy with the sword coming from his mouth?
 - d. Whose blood is he covered in? Whose blood will he be covered in?
4. What does this passage teach about mankind?
 - a. What happens to the kings of the earth and the mighty men of our age? What does this say about them?
 - b. What do you think it would be like to have someone stare at you with eyes of fiery flame?
 - c. What emotion should this passage stir within humans?
5. If this passage is true, and this is an accurate representation of Jesus as the King of kings, what is your next step in obeying him? In other words, what might this king be demanding from you?
6. If this passage is true, who needs to know about it in your life this week? Who should you tell?