

1. THE HEAVENLY WARRIOR

Sermon Notes

Text: Revelation 19:11-21

Intro:

Apocalypse = to reveal or unveil

Revelation 11:15

The Final Battle

John portrays a battle scene as a deliberate way to contrast Jesus with Cesar.

Jesus' battle strategy is not violence, it's self-sacrifice.

John's symbols indicate that a priestly sacrifice and the word of God are Jesus' weapons of warfare.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

Colossians 2:15

The Imminence of Jesus' return

Revelation 19 represents the second coming of Jesus.

Revelation 22:12

Saying, "I'm coming back soon" Jesus isn't referring to the amount of time before his return, he's saying his return could be *at any time*.

If you knew, without a doubt, that Jesus was returning tomorrow, what would you do?

The imminence of Jesus return should motive us to mission.

Romans 10:13-15

If you are a follower of Jesus, you are sent as well.

Conclusion:

Life Group Discussion

Warm up:

- 1. Have you been around for the previous 4 parts of the *Unveiled* series? What do you remember? How has it shaped your understanding of the book of Revelation? What questions remain?
- 2. What stood out to you about Sunday's sermon? What was interesting? Confusing? Weird? Thought provoking?

Study & Discussion:

- 1. Read Revelation 19:11-21. What images do you see here? How is Jesus described? Do you recognize any of these images from other parts of the book?
- 2. Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-5. What weapons is Paul talking about? How should Christians "wage war"? Jesus seems to indicate that his followers shouldn't fight with violence (see John 18:36 & Matthew 26:52-53 among others). Is there a time for Christians to take up violence? When and why? Or why not?
- 3. The Bible seems to indicate that the second coming of Jesus is imminent (it could happen at any moment). How does that make you feel? What would you do it you knew Jesus was coming back tomorrow?
- 4. Read Romans 10:9-15. According to this passage, how does a person get "saved"? What human effort is required to help others get saved (v. 15)? Do you see yourself as a preacher? Why or why not?

Application:

1. Consider the imminent return of Jesus. What do you need to do to get right with him? What would you do if you knew he was coming back tomorrow? Is there a reason you're not doing that already?

Prayer:

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