

The Word Wins Revelation 19:10-21

(Do you ever tell people about Jesus? If you do, what do you most like and/or dislike about it?)

In the modern era, all words seemed weak, for “scientists” taught us that matter is what matters. And so, Liberal Christians set out to “demythologize” the Scriptures. Fundamentalists reacted by taking them “literally,” and by that, they didn’t mean according to the author’s literary intent, but according to our “modern” notions of space and time...—P.H.

- How do you typically read and interpret Scripture?
- Do you think science in any way affects the way you read and understand it?
- When you read about the “Word of God,” in Scripture, what do you typically think of?
- Read Revelation 19:11-13. Who is described in this passage, what is he like?
- Does what you read in Revelation 19 expand or change your understanding of the Word of God in any way?

Many people often think Revelation 19 describes only a future event, BUT . . .

In Acts 1:11 an angel tells the disciples that Jesus will come in the same way that they saw Him go, and yet the Bible never uses the phrase “The Second Coming.” To the High Priest on Good Friday Jesus said, “*I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of heaven*” (Matt. 26:64). That means that ever since His crucifixion, Jesus has been coming in power . . . but maybe we’re not so good at recognizing real power. Jesus is the Lion of Judah, but standing before the High Priest He looks like a slaughtered lamb.—P.H.

- When do you think the events in Revelation 19 take place?
- Do you think they are limited to a particular time in space and time? Has Jesus truly *already been coming*? If so, can you identify any times in your life where you’ve seen Him come?
- Read Revelation 1:7-8. In this passage, we read, “*every eye will see him...*” Do you think this will happen all at one moment in space in time or is it spread out throughout all of time, both or something entirely different? Does it matter? Explain.

In this sermon, Peter shared a story about a little donkey:

Once upon a time, there was a little donkey. One particular day, he came home, thrilled to death. He said to his mother, “I had the most amazing day! I went into Jerusalem this morning, and when I did, people lined up on the side of the road, cheering and waving palm branches. Mom, it was a great day for me!” The old, wise she-donkey looked at her little ass and said, “Sweetie, I’m sorry, but that wasn’t about you; that was about the One you were carrying.” —P.H.

- Can you relate to that story? If so, how? I think we all struggle like the little donkey at times.
- Can you think of any ways you currently might be a bit caught up in yourself? What kinds of emotions stir up in you when you think life and/or making life work is all about you?

But praise God! We don’t have to have to get caught up in that

The Word of God is entirely freeing, but it cuts into our egos and can offend us. But it really doesn’t have to, if it does we’re getting offended about something that has already died. Christ died for all, therefore, all have died.” Our ego is actually dead so when the Word of God cuts it off, we can rejoice.”

The world judges according to the flesh; but we know that the flesh has already been judged, condemned, and destroyed. *It’s not who anyone truly is...* Jesus absorbed all of our sin in His own body of flesh and bore it to destruction...it means that all our bad judgment is exposed for what it is—and destroyed like a shadow is destroyed by Light... Only the breath of God is left. Later, Paul writes, “*We view no one according to the flesh.*” The flesh is the person that we think *we* have made—so we view no one (including ourselves) according to their own ego. —P.H.

- Are there areas where you’ve been viewing yourself according to the flesh?
- Are there areas where you’ve been viewing others according to the flesh?
- Confess them to God and then thank Him that that is not who you or they truly are!

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