

The Whole Christ

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Open: Share about a task or project that you let drag on and on. How did it feel when you finally finished and brought closure to that project?

Read & Discuss: Revelation 19:11-20:10

1. The Victorious Christ is pictured in 19:11-16. What surprises you or stands out to you about this portrait of Jesus? What else do we learn about Christ from these verses? How does this compare with the portrait of Jesus we saw presented in Revelation 1:12-16?
2. In light of John 1:1-3, 14 and Hebrews 4:12, why is it appropriate that the rider of this horse is called "The Word of God" (Rev. 19:3)? How does this description fit the context of what He is about to do?
3. Imagine you were an early believer who had suffered persecution at the hand of others because you were a follower of Jesus. How might you feel as you thought about Jesus one day coming in this manner? How should this truth shape our source of hope today?
4. Revelation 19:17-21 gives a graphic description of the war against Christ and the destruction of the beast and false prophet. What does this teach us about the nature of the powers of evil? How much attention should we give to demonic powers and their influence in our world?
5. Revelation 20:1-3 demonstrates God's absolute authority over the devil. Why do you think God has allowed the devil to operate for so long (as it seems to us)? How does this passage help us grow at trusting the wisdom of God when we struggle to fully understand His ways?
6. According to 20:4-6, who are the ones who reign with Christ and are given authority to judge? Why do you think they are given this privilege? Given this promise to martyrs, would you exchange your life for the life of a Christian martyr? Why or why not?
7. The devil's final condemnation is recorded in 20:7-10. How is the duration of his punishment described? How should knowing the fate of the devil and his forces affect our strength and courage as we go through life?

Apply: What stands out to you from this passage that will affect how you live each day?

Pray: Pray that our knowledge of the future will allow us to walk each day with courage.

Revelation 19:11-20:10

^{19:11} 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.

^{20:1} Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. ² And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, ³ and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

⁴ Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. ⁵ The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection.

⁶ Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

⁷ And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸ and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea. ⁹ And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them, ¹⁰ and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.