

Sermon: **“The Man on the White Horse” (Revelation 19)**

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There is so much going on in the world right now. It can feel overwhelming at times. In this week’s study as we take a high-level look at Revelation 19, we will see that in a world full of distractions and destruction, we need to continually focus on what’s most important. That is how we will endure to the end. Focusing on what’s most important will get us through the distractions and the destruction. What is it that our eyes and our hearts must be focused on? The Man on the White Horse – Jesus Christ. Through everything that is happening right now, we must seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. And as we do so, we must fix our eyes on the Lamb who was slain for our salvation. The one who pursues Christ and his holiness in this way is the one who will endure to the end. And the one who endures to the end is the one who will feast with Christ at the marriage supper of the Lamb.

What you need for this study: Bible, Notebook, Pen

Individual Bible Study

1. Please read Revelation 19 and ensure that you’ve listened to Sunday’s sermon.
 - a. Describe the context of Revelation 19 by briefly summarizing the events of Revelation 17 & 18.
 - b. As heaven looks out at the destruction of Babylon, what is it doing? Why does heaven respond in this way?
 - c. The word “Hallelujah” shows up 4 times in the New Testament and all 4 times are in this passage. What does this word mean? What is the repetition of this word communicating to us in this section of Scripture?
 - d. What are some other biblical examples of how God saves his people through the judgement of a civilization?
 - e. Compare and contrast verse 1 with verse 6. What is similar about these two verses? What is different? Why is this significant?
 - f. Describe the Rider on the White Horse. Who is he? What do the different descriptors given in verses 11-16 teach us about him?

- g. What are the two different feasts that are described in this chapter?

- h. What marks the bride off and distinguishes her (verses 7-8)? What does this teach us about what we ought to be cultivating in our lives during this time?

Group Discussion Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the sermon and the Bible study this week?

2. In Revelation 19, why does heaven rejoice at the destruction of the wicked (verses 1-5)? Why does heaven rejoice even louder at the salvation of the righteous (verses 6-8)?

3. Which of the descriptors given of the Rider on the White Horse in verses 11-16 stood out to you the most? Why?

4. In the midst of this chaotic time, what can we do to keep our eyes and our hearts fixed on Christ through all that we're enduring? Why is this so important?

5. How can we be cultivating holiness in our daily lives during this season of trial? What does seeking the righteousness of God look like on a day to day basis?

6. One thing we learn in this passage is that God saves his people through judgment. How does this work? How is the gospel the ultimate example of this principle? How does this give you hope for our current situation?

Church-Wide Prayer Requests

- Pray that the Lord would hasten the day when we can gather again for public worship (Hebrews 10:25)

- Pray for the Lord to answer the prayer of Jesus that we may be all be one as the Father and Son are one (John 17:20-26)