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A Wedding and a War Revelation 19

Series: The Return of the King – The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Central Passage

Revelation 19:1–5 (ESV) — **1** After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, **2** for his judgments are true and just; for he has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and has avenged on her the blood of his servants.” **3** Once more they cried out, “Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever.” **4** And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, “Amen. Hallelujah!” **5** And from the throne came a voice saying, “Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great.”

Central Thought: Through his dramatic depiction of the marriage supper of the Lamb and the rider on the white horse, John the Revelator encourages us that our deepest desires for intimacy and community and our desperate longing for enduring justice and peace are met in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb (vs. 6-10)

- ❖ The people of God (the Church) is the Bride of Christ.

Ephesians 5:31–32 (ESV) — **31** “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” **32** This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

- ❖ The Bride is dressed in the “fine linen” of Christ’s righteousness, and lives that out through her own life of “good deeds.”

Romans 3:21–22 (ESV) — **21** But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— **22** the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe...

Ephesians 2:8–9 (ESV) — **8** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, **9** not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

James 2:17 (ESV) — **17** So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Matthew 5:14–16 (ESV) — **14** “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. **15** Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. **16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

The Rider on the White Horse (vs. 11-16) He is...

- ❖ Faithful and True!
- ❖ Crowned with many Crowns!
- ❖ Wearing a robe dipped in his own blood!
- ❖ The King of Kings and Lord of Lords!