

Jesus 3D
Jesus' Second Coming

Intro: Last 16 weeks - looking at Jesus from view of 4 Gospel writers

- Obtain a complete picture of Christ (2 face need to see from different vantages)

- Love these pictures of Jesus - focus on them

- some more than others - Soft, gentle, sweet - how we like Jesus

This morning - see a picture of Jesus many prefer to ignore - warrior, judge, ruler

3 scenes that show additional attributes of Christ

1. Return - Mt. 24:27-31

- Last week, Erik spoke on Jesus' ascension & the helper (HS) - not final time humanity would see Jesus

- Before his death, Jesus said he would come back

Mt. 24 - Olivet discourse - 5th of Jesus' 5 major discourses in MT

- sitting w/disciples - tells them about end times

Eschatology - starts back in Genesis

Vs. 27-28 - Jesus is coming back - different from 1st entrance on earth

- 1st = humble/quiet; brought life/gentle; helpless baby

- 2nd = bright/glory/seen; death/despair; conquering king

Mt. painting a picture - lightening & vultures

- impossible for people not to see and recognize return of Christ

- How? Don't know - not meant to

Vs. 29-30 - earth shattering events - all of creation will be radically transformed at the return of Christ

- Power & great glory - revealed as eternal ruler of KOG - dominion over inhabitants

- Response= Mourning - either sorrow that produces repentance or a great sadness of regret in light of coming judgment

Vs. 31 - gathers the elect = those who have trusted in Christ & been saved

2. Judgment - Rev. 20:11-15

Vs. 11-13 - Jesus sits on a great white throne = purity & wisdom- judge (all)

- No jury, attorney, defender - Jesus & books

- Book of Life - elect

- Not even named here - rejected Christ

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- Book contain list of our actions - good or bad
 - Rom. 2:6-11 - record of our deeds for reward & punishment
- Some wrongly think "If I do more good... = heaven"

Vs. 14-15 -Death & Hades-Lake of Fire (hell) - eternal torture - hot and long

- Judgment based on Book of Life, not good deeds/good person, do right - BOL = elect (trust, love, follow Christ) - Justice is served
 - "Justice either came for us on Jesus at the cross or comes for us from Jesus in the end, but either way justice must be served."
 - hardwired into us - why we feel so upset when wronged - we try to be the judge and decide who should be in heaven
 - Jesus is the final judge - it's all Jesus
- Difficult passage - it is - absolute (in/out)
- Many reject idea of hell - real place - Jesus spoke of it (Mt & Mk)

Idea of hell never bothered me - How can holy God allow sinner to heaven?

- Caught up in wrong questions
 - Why do bad things happen to good people...? (only 1 good person)
 - How can a loving God send anyone to hell?
- Truth = hell is a witness to the righteous character of God - must judge sin
- Hell shows us how awful sin is - if we ever saw sin as God does, we would understand why such a place exists

3. Full circle redemption - Rev. 21:1-4

The destruction of death, and the last judgment will finally lead to the renewal of the entire created order

Vs. 1-2 - 1st heaven and earth pass away - gone

- Entirely new or renewed - not sure
 - eliminates the fatal infection of evil that poisoned God's first creation
- Replaces it with a magnificent city from God
 - Bride - like a bride on her wedding day

Vs. 3 - Remarkable

- God comes to be w/us - shows his love
- Throughout Bible God demonstrates his desire for a relationship w/ humanity by coming to us - rejected him - here no rejection

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Vs. 4 - No more

- God reverses the curse that entered the world through human sin
- Hope of this "no more" provides great encouragement to God's people in times of suffering - only possible if BOL, judgment

Human history began in a garden prepared for us & ends in a beautiful city
= BOL

Others = hell (hot & forever)

1. Who is my God?
2. This is why we emphasize mission - neighbors, co-workers, family
 - we have experienced God's grace through Jesus and we relentlessly offer Jesus' mercy to everyone before he returns in his magnificent wrath

Communion - remember Christ's sacrifice for us - reunited w/God